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TWO SIDES TO EVERY QUESTION—A NEW LEASE ON LIFE FOR THE SUB-ROSAS.

After reading an able article in the last number of the *Palm*, entitled "Should the Sub-Rosa Chapters Live?" we find it possible to give the other side a showing, which, for the sake of fairness, we attempt to do in the following pages.

The first statement in the preceding article which strikes us with surprise is a sweeping one—one which our esteemed brother, on consideration, will retract, we feel sure. It is—"I think no good reason exists why they (sub-rosa chapters) should be allowed to exist." Is it possible that the brother, who values the bonds of Alpha Tau Omega so highly, can count the strong fraternal ties which *can*, and *do* exist in sub-rosa chapters as nothing? Surely the possibility, and the existence of such ties, rise to the dignity of a reason, and a good one, too! This question, I take it, and as our brother has not taken it, does not resolve itself into the question—"Are there any objections to sub-rosa chapters?" Not at all, there are objections to everything. Says old Dr. Johnson, "There are objections to a *plenum* and to a *vacuum*, yet one or the other always exists in nature." There are objections to these chapters which the High Council, and the Fraternity at large, have doubtless felt, but the question is, or ought to be—"Are the reasons for the existence of sub-rosa chapters *weightier* than those against such existence?" And this question, it seems to us, does admit of an affirmative answer

Let us remember that one good reason for a thing is worth a dozen poor ones against it. The weighty and over-balancing reason we hint at may be enunciated as follows: If the fraternal tie of our brotherhood be the great good which we all believe it to be, then ought it not to exist in spite of obstacles and some objections? Is our High Council responsible for acting in accordance with *its* conviction (common to the whole Fraternity), that our organization is harmless to a college, and beneficial to the students who connect themselves with it, even if its connection be opposed to the opinion of a faculty? A faculty acts according to its conviction, and why may not our High Council follow the example? But let us examine the arguments of the brother more in detail.

The first argument adduced against sub-rosa chapters is violation of college laws, "which," says the brother, "we admit are illiberal and discreditable." And are we to meet that which is illiberal and discreditable with smiling acquiescence, or with stout resistance? Verily these college laws have on their side neither the cogency of logic, nor the binding power of ethics! The brother will admit this. Then why obey them?

The next argument is disregard on the part of the student for his allegiance to college government. But we ask, do we owe any allegiance to those we regard as *tyrants*? The members of our sub-rosa chapters are not those who have assured faculties that they have no sympathy with the fraternity spirit, and then have secretly and underhandedly connected themselves with our brotherhood. They simply consider the benefits derived from their course of action worth the risk they run of paying the certain penalty of a law they have never promised to obey. Wherein have they disregarded any allegiance? But there are some colleges whose faculties demand a written pledge from the student to the effect that he shall not belong to a secret Fraternity; here, of course, membership and personal honor are incompatible, but such cases are alien to the discussion. Again, the action of the

grand officers is styled "an offence against good manners." In refutation we simply ask—is it *bad manners*, when an unchivalrous and discourteous enemy drives us to the wall, for us to draw and defend ourselves? Is it not rather noble self-defense? Is it *good manners*, when some rude bully unlawfully bars my path, for me to touch my cap deferentially, and step aside?—or would it not be but self-respect for me to stretch him in the "vile dust from whence he sprung"?

Our grand officers have a dignity to maintain as well as these unreasonable faculties, whose members, in nine cases out of ten, were sore-heads in their college-days, and got their anti-Fraternity spirit from their non-Fraternity State. When we are dealing with an opponent who treats us in a *barbarous* manner, can we be governed by the niceties of *les covenances*? No doubt the attitude of our grand officers does seem "impudent" to these *august faculties*—just about as impudent as *their* attitude seems to our grand officers. The brother might have drawn a more startling picture of impertinence than he did, had he sketched the attitude of the faculties in whose colleges sub-rosa chapters exist, as they pose for admiration before a disgusted public.

These bodies blindly oppose themselves to Fraternities, notwithstanding that the "general sentiment of society is against the law set at naught," notwithstanding the example of the *vast majority* of the *best* institutions of the land admitting Fraternities without evil results. *This is* impudence not unmingled with stupidity! The position of our High Council is firm and dignified, and not especially saucy, as far as we can see. It does not play the role of meddler, as the brother asserts, by interfering in the affairs of an institution with which it is not connected. It believes it has *the right to be connected* with such institutions, and if in maintenance of its rights it is met by overwhelming force, let it repel by bold and daring measures—by *stratagem*, if need be. It would be well if the authority of college faculties were defined by law, for where authority is not well-defined it is invariably

presumed upon. This, we presume, is the view taken by the High Council. The question is asked—"Can our grand officers, as the professed friends of college boys," act as they do? In reply, we ask—Do they not prove themselves the friends of the boys by championing their rights—even if they do encourage the boys to incur a risk which they cheerfully accept? Surely he who encourages a risk is not necessarily a foe.

Again, the brother considers the question from the standpoint of policy—he asks is it wise that sub-rosa chapters should exist. And under this head it is stated that the responsibility for, and pride in, the character and conduct of its members, which the chapter as a whole feels, is lacking in sub-rosa chapters, because the members are unknown to the college public *as members*. Can a chapter, then, feel no honest pride without boasting, and is it not responsible to the Fraternity—which, at least, knows who its members are, even if it does not make its knowledge public? And we must insist that this "responsibility" is not the *rationale* of care in selections of members, and if it were, then the sub-rosas would be superior to the other chapters in not possessing it. For what a sham our Fraternity is, if I select a man—not for his intrinsic worth or friendship, but because I think my connection with him will reflect credit on me or my society! What a hollow, silly thing our Fraternity is, if all its operations are for effect—to be seen of men! But we have denied that responsibility and proper pride are lacking in sub-rosa chapters, although they may be confined to a narrower sphere than in other chapters, and the former be not so cringing, and the latter not so arrogant.

Again, it is not, and should not be, *shame* alone which prompts us to expel men who dishonor us, but the *loathing* of the men themselves. If a member of a sub-rosa chapter cannot reflect credit upon his chapter in such a way that the eyes of the world shall be dazzled, he can at least enjoy its privileges. And which of the two, think you, is the real *object* of the Fraternity? But

such members can reflect credit on their chapters; for the Fraternity knows of what stuff its sub-rosa chapters are made, and may feel proud accordingly.

Our brother goes further—too far, we think, and supposes that a man, “devoid of principle and every attribute of a man,” gets into a sub rosa chapter by deceiving the elect as to his true character. He could not be expelled without danger of his informing, says our brother. The argument being based on an improbable contingency, is an exceedingly weak one against sub-rosa chapters. It is like saying, “We ought not to establish sub-rosa chapters because they may be discovered and broken up.” But, moreover, it has no particular application to sub-rosa chapters. For if *such* a man as the night-mare imagination of our brother has conjured up should ever be received within the pale of our brotherhood, then the most sacred secrets of the Fraternity itself would be endangered by his ejection. Verily the sub-rosas are in no more peril than we; and if this be an argument against *them*, then *all* chapters had better be abolished.

There are, as the brother has said, many objections to the sub-rosa principle, but they are outweighed by other good reasons. It is a pity that secrecy is necessary, but secrecy is no disgrace; Christianity itself has often had to hide its head from persecution. It is a pity that the verdict of faculties must be overturned, but college authorities are not infallible. It is a pity that our brothers must run such risks and pay such penalties, but “nothing ventured, nothing gained.” Often the best way to show up the falsity or truth of an argument is to test its application to extreme cases—to see if it can stand the tension.

Well, our brother says he is referring to no particular case—that it is a *principle* he is advocating. Now, *we* are going to take the license of a supposition. Suppose some representative college of the land should declare against Fraternities, and in a short time all the leading colleges and universities should follow its example. Under these circumstances, our brother’s opinions

would hardly change—the principle on which he is arguing would remain the same—the force of his arguments would be unimpaired; for all existing chapters must then be sub-rosa.

But would our brother advocate abolishment of the Fraternity altogether? If he would not, he must appreciate how important, to the best interests of the Fraternity, is the spirit of aggressiveness which prompts us to found sub-rosa chapters. There is one advantage which this class of chapters possesses over others, worthy of mention. These chapters, from their secrecy, are less able to dabble in college politics, and to make invidious distinctions, both of which things not only arouse hostility, but are the chief evils of the Fraternity system complained of by the faculties. But since such evils can almost always be removed—with benefit to Fraternity as well as college—by legislating on and regulating the Fraternity system, without suppressing it, we still have a clear case against the faculties.

It would seem, then, that sub-rosa chapters are less apt to injure a college than any others. But the outline of the argument for sub-rosas may be summed up in a few words. If the Fraternity system be a great good, and if we believe we have the right to have chapters at colleges—and if, having the right, we also possess the power of having them where there is opposition (by the sub-rosa plan), without employing dishonorable means—*then why should'nt we have them in such places?*

Wipe your spectacles, brother, and look again. You will see that you can save the child without imperilling the life of such a healthy mother.

COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENSE.

SUB-ROSA CHAPTERS—AGAIN.

Having been for some time a source of mental dissatisfaction to me, it is encouraging to have the topic of sub-rosa chapters opened, and in so fair an article as that by Bro. E. J. Renick in

the December *Palm*. The fact of their existence is directly counter to the spirit of our Fraternity and the customary straightforwardness we advocate and endeavor to practice in our general chapter and Fraternity work.

The principle on which sub-rosa chapters are founded is that of contravening, and in fact of entirely disregarding the laws of the institutions in which they exist, and as this law-breaking tendency is only too prevalent, it seems to me it would be highly preferable rather to discountenance it utterly, and lend all our aid and influence to the formation of characters having a firm foundation of truth and honor. Men who will undertake to form a chapter in disobedience to the known laws of any college are either thoughtless in the extreme, or else men who will as freely break the laws of the Fraternity upon small provocation.

In speaking of sub-rosa chapters, those only are meant which are so constituted on account of adverse college rulings. If our badge is worth wearing, it should be worn only by those men who are willing to assume all the responsibilities attending it, be they what they may.

I hold that, far from doing good, these chapters positively exert a bad influence, since they require the life of a member to be a constant falsehood in respect to this one matter, and entail the like result upon any one having cognizance of their existence, should he be questioned. It may be urged that no untruth is actually spoken, but the evasion which always attends such things is little if any better.

When a man enters an institution and voluntarily places himself under its rules, he tacitly binds himself to obey them, and he cannot be held guiltless who systematically subverts their action. No man who is so weak that he cannot bear the results of his own doings can be an ornament to our Fraternity ; therefore, let our pin be worn openly and before the world, or not at all.

I hold that the Alpha Tau Omega is a society which bases its whole existence upon honesty and truth, and when it undertakes to establish a sub-rosa chapter it does an underhanded thing which flatly contradicts its fundamental principles.

In order, then, to be what we purport to be, i. e., straightforward, truthful and honest, we should establish no more such chapters, and rid ourselves of those we have as soon as it can be done with justice to the present members. Those which already exist should certainly now be sustained, bearing, as they do, the sanction of the "powers that be," but if, for any period of time, they die or yield their charter, the act should be considered final, and especially let us insist that we have no more *sub-rosa chapters*.

FRANCIS H. EASBY, *Penn. T.*

IMPORTANCE OF THE PALM.

In glancing over the pages of the last issue of the *Palm*, I was impressed with the importance of every Alumni member in our Fraternity becoming a subscriber. Leaving out of consideration the great pleasure derived from reading the many good articles in the *Palm*, it pays a man to subscribe for it from a business standpoint. Pardon me for using the following illustration: Some weeks ago I wished to know something about a certain locality in the West. Not being acquainted with any one who lived there, it was not an easy matter to get the desired information. Happening to notice the address of a brother Alpha Tau, who lived in that locality, I at once wrote to him, and received a reply as soon as the mails could bring one back to Lebanon. I was not personally acquainted with the brother, but relied with implicit confidence on what he wrote, and was as fully satisfied as if I had visited the grounds myself.

This is not an isolated case. Similar ones are constantly occurring. In the *Palm* we find the addresses of brothers living in every State in the Union. Frequently we desire information or wish business to be transacted which we are unwilling to put in the hands of strangers. Now, if we have the address of an Alpha Tau who lives at that point, we are relieved at once, for we know that the fact of his wearing an Alpha Tau Omega badge is a sufficient recommendation to our confidence. Then we would

rather put business in the hands of a brother, because it might be of some advantage to him.

We do not speak unadvisedly when we say the mere fact of a man wearing our Fraternity badge is a recommendation to confidence. One might suppose that in making this statement we are biased by Fraternity feeling. Let us see what aliens say on this point. Not long since, when I was in New York, a gentleman told me that in all the numerous business transactions which had been carried on between himself and members of our Fraternity, *in not a single instance had an Alpha Tau broken his promise.* This statement made me feel good, for it was quite a compliment to our organization. I ask—Can any other Fraternity boast of a better record than this?

If this is the way aliens regard us, would it not be well for the business and professional men, who are Alumni members of our Fraternity, to advertise in the *Palm*?

Again, we all have numerous acquaintances among the members of our Fraternity. We are anxious to hear from them occasionally, but it would be impossible to correspond with them individually. This would be too great a draught upon our time. Therefore the best plan would be for every man to continue his subscription to the *Palm* after leaving college. Then let him write a short letter to the editors every few months. This being published, every subscriber could then hear in a direct way from each of his brothers. This, to a limited extent, is the plan pursued at present, but it is not carried far enough. Look at the subscription list of the *Palm*, and see what percentage of our Alumni are subscribers.

We should fully understand the fact that all great organizations, if successful, must have their paper or other official organ to represent them. Religious societies have their church papers. The various secret societies disseminate their principles by means of periodicals adapted to their peculiar structure. The *Palm* is the official organ of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. Through it our principles are made known, and by means of it our institutions are made to prosper. Swell its subscription list, and to

that extent you strengthen our Fraternity. Let its subscribers be few, and to that degree does the Fraternity grow weak. Let the *Palm* die, and then see if the Fraternity does not become paralyzed by the catastrophe.

Perhaps some brother may suggest that this article is uncalled for, inasmuch as the Alumni who do not subscribe will not see it, while those who do read it are already subscribers; therefore, it is useless to write anything in regard to the matter. All this may be true, but let us hope that the active members who read this will be reminded that they should do their duty and remain subscribers after they leave college. At the same time, may it remind our Alumni brethren that they should renew their subscriptions.

When Gulliver first made his appearance in Lilliput, the tiny inhabitants of the kingdom seized him, and by their united strength succeeded in raising the great "man mountain." In a similar manner, by uniting our tiny contributions to the *Palm*, we will succeed in raising any mountain of debt which it may be necessary to incur in its publication. To accomplish this, every one must do his part. It is the only way in which we may reasonably expect to protect the great exponent of Alpha Tau principles.

R. N. HOLLAND.

WELL-DESERVED COMPLIMENTS TO AN ALPHA TAU.

[From the Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser, Washington Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.

There is an Alabama boy here who is quite a hero, and one of these days his State will be proud of him, as his friends are already. I refer to W. H. Lamar, Jr., of Auburn, notice of whose trip to the Arctic seas appeared in the *Advertiser* some months ago. Lamar is attached to the Signal Service, and he has so distinguished himself as to receive an early promotion in that

service. Lamar accompanied the Proteus Search Expedition to Lady Franklin bay last summer, and it was he who telegraphed to the New York *Herald* the graphic description of the sinking of the Proteus and other incidents of that memorable occasion. For telegraphing two columns to the *Herald* he received \$75— and a nice letter from Mr. Bennett praising his work. Mr. Lamar saw and photographed from an ice-floe the Proteus as she was sinking, probably the only feat of the kind ever accomplished in Arctic waters. After this, the party of which he was a member voyaged nearly one thousand miles down the coast of Greenland in whale boats, and it was young Lamar who signaled for help from the U. S. S. Yantic, when Lieut. Calwell's boat had been carried against the rocks and another wreck was imminent.

Another expedition will be sent out next spring, and Lamar has been asked personally by the Signal Office to accompany it, and he will probably go. He has a number of photographs taken in the region of eternal ice, and is now preparing a paper for publication. He is still a boy in years, being apparently not over twenty-one years old. Certainly he deserves great credit.

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[From the (Macon, Ga.) Telegraph and Messenger.]

* * * * * I have picked up another incident that may not be uninteresting to your readers. It shows what our Southern boys can do when opportunity offers, and this government as now run does not offer them many honorable or just opportunities—at least, not too many. Among the party of the Proteus sent in search of the Greeley party was an Alabama boy detached from the Signal Service, in which he held a subordinate position, and charged with the duty of making magnetic and meteorological observations and taking photographs of every city of interest. How faithfully this duty was performed is evidenced by his return with all his papers and pictures. These will be published, with an explanatory narrative from his own pen, thus preserving to history the records of that disastrous expedition.

Among the photographs is one taken of the Proteus only a

few moments before she sunk, after being crushed by the closing ice.

At such a time, when sailors who had braved an hundred storms were demoralized by fear, when officers and men were frantically endeavoring to save enough food and clothing to protect and save life, in the midst of a frozen sea, this boy, true to his trust and duty, forgot himself, and, with his instrument upon an ice-floe, took a picture of the sinking steamer to complete the record of the expedition. Lieut Gorlington, the commander of the expedition, speaking of him, said: "He was insensible to fear," and yet he is as modest as a school-miss, and has a voice as soft and low as Cordelia's. Georgia may claim some interest in him, for he is a grandson of Harmong Lamar, of Newton county, who is well-remembered.

[From Senator Morgan's Speech in the U. S. Senate, April 4th, 1884.]

When we endowed the agricultural colleges in 1862, the fund was given entirely into the hands of the States for their management. Why has not that been done in this bill? How much character have the States of the South lost in the administration of the educational fund applied to agricultural colleges? Have we not done our duty? Have we not built up flourishing institutions upon those funds? Have we not honestly administered the fund in every particular? Have not the scholars who have come from these institutions been men who have served the country well in various capacities? I know some of them now from the agricultural college in my State, who are here in this city serving the government of the United States even with distinction. A young man who attended the expedition in the search for Greeley, the young sergeant who stepped from the deck of that ship and, after, having done his work, put up his photographic instruments and took a photograph of the ship as she sank through the ice, was a graduate of the agricultural college at Auburn, Ala., who came here and joined the Signal Service, and was assigned to duty upon one of those ships.

A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION—RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE FRATERNITIES OF THE S. C. COLLEGE.

The several fraternities of the South Carolina College having long felt the necessity for having an inter-fraternity understanding, met on the 27th of February and formed for themselves a permanent organization, to meet annually, or at any time in the interim as may be deemed necessary.

At the recent meeting the following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the fraternities in convention assembled, with a view both to the interest of themselves and to that of the non-fraternity men :

Resolved, 1st. That no gentleman be approached, or be requested, or be in any way, directly or indirectly, urged to join, to promise, or in any way pledge himself to join a fraternity until he has been a regular matriculate of the South Carolina College for at least six weeks.

2d. That if any fraternity, or member of any fraternity, be detected and convicted of breaking any of the laws adopted by this convention, that fraternity, or member of a fraternity, be expelled from this body, and posted as one in which no confidence can be reposed, unless a satisfactory explanation is made to the convention.

3d. That we recommend to the several chapters that there be an annual magazine published by the fraternities of the South Carolina College, devoted to fraternity and college affairs, and that the editors of same be composed of one from each fraternity, and out of these editors to be elected by them an editor-in-chief consecutively from the fraternities.

4th. That a committee, consisting of one from each fraternity, be appointed to draw up such resolutions, and that these be posted

in two conspicuous places within the campus, and that they be published also in the *Collegian*.

R. P. HAMER, Alpha Tau Omega,
 ROBERT MACFARLAN, Kappa Alpha,
 J. A. RICE, Sigma Alpha Epsilon,
 H. H. HUGGINS, Psi Upsilon,
 L. R. BROWN, Phi Delta Theta,
Committee.

ALABAMA STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Alabama State Alumni Association will be held at Auburn, with the Alabama Alpha-Epsilon Chapter, the 26th of June, 1884.

Every Alpha Tau in the State is urged to be present, as important business is to be transacted. Brothers from other States are cordially invited to attend.

By order of

J. S. N. DAVIS, JR., Sigma Alpha Alpha, W. M.

A WORTHY EXAMPLE.

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan.

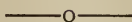
Editors Palm :—Would it be possible for a person not a member of your excellent Fraternity to become a subscriber to the *Palm*? My reasons for wishing to subscribe are honorable, as I am not a member of a Fraternity that in any way is a rival, and consist, mainly, in a desire to obtain Fraternity news from *reliable* sources, and to become better acquainted with society matters in general.

If you will kindly let me know what your usage is, in this regard, I shall esteem it as a great favor, and if a favorable reply be received, immediately enrol myself as a subscriber.

Yours, respectfully,

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LETTERS FROM THE CHAPTERS.



VIRGINIA BETA.

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY, Lexington, Va.

Editors Palm :—You must pardon my not sending a regular letter. The truth is, we have nothing of importance to say. Everything is moving quietly and prosperously on with the chapter and the University.

With greetings to the brothers everywhere,

Yours, in *A. T. Q.*,

J. M. ALLEN, *Correspondent.*



THE VIRGINIA DELTA.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Editors Palm :—The Virginia Delta has been cast into a state of profound gloom and sorrow by the recent death of one of the noblest of our brotherhood, Albert Sydney Doswell. A committee of our chapter has been appointed for the purpose of conveying to the Fraternity and outside world how affectionately we were attached to him, to what a high degree he deserved our love, and how deeply and sorrowfully we mourn him, dead—and hence anything further I might now say concerning him would probably be deemed premature.

The condition of our chapter, in every sense, continues to be most flourishing and enviable. Our popular and genial brother, J. Randolph Anderson, was recently elected Final President of the Jefferson Society, and he will undoubtedly occupy this much coveted position with grace and dignity at our approaching celebrations. Of four contestants for the two debaters' medals in the same Society, two are Alpha Taus, and we have ample justification to hope and believe that both of these brothers will prove successful.

Our men are doing excellently in the various schools of this

University, and stand well with the professors. Two Alpha Taus will probably secure positions on the Rives boat crew, which will participate in our next State regatta.

Our chapter-house work is progressing favorably, and if *all* of the Alumni of this chapter will only carry out their Alpha Tauism to a slight practical extent, we will be enabled to erect the building some time during next session.

PERSONALS.

Bro. Arthur Lee, of Richmond, Va., has been called home for the session. He was one of the finest members of our chapter, and a true, earnest Alpha Tau. He is sadly missed by all of us, and whatever course of life he may pursue in the future, he will always be followed by the kindest recollections and the heartiest good wishes from the Old Virginia Delta.

Brother Frank Hunter from New York is now detained at his Southern home in Charleston, S. C., by indisposition, which at one time threatened to be serious, but of which he is now all but recovered. He has had our sympathy in his sickness, and we hope sincerely that he will soon gladden us again with the light of his handsome countenance.

Bro. Jack Mosby was very much infuriated by seeing his name appear in the last number of the *Palm* as John S. Mosley, Jr. Please correct the error, as he is deeply concerned about it. He also desires me to inform the Alpha Tau world at large that he is not the original heathen Chineese. Appearances, he contends, are occasionally deceptive.

Yours in *A. T. O.*,

WALTER E. ADDISON, *Correspondent.*

VIRGINIA EPSILON.

ROANOKE COLLEGE, Salem, Va.

Editors Palm:—I deem it a high privilege to be permitted to contribute a word to the *Palm* in behalf of our dear Virginia Epsilon. Since you heard from us last we have added three to our number. They are Messrs. W. A. Davidson, G. D. Brown, and R. H. Cline. The first two, Messrs. Davidson and Brown, are of Virginia, and Mr. Cline of North Carolina. We still have several others in view. We now number nine hearty happy Alpha-Tau Omegas, and I think I can safely say that Alpha-Tau Omega

is in the best condition of the Fraternities that exist at Roanoke College. Though our progress during the last session may have been somewhat tardy, this session we have done our work prudently and with great success; and, as a consequence, we look forward to a future for the Virginia Epsilon more prosperous than she has ever yet realized.

With hearty wishes for the prosperity of the Fraternity and all its chapters,

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,
C. B. MILLER, *Correspondent.*

TENNESSEE OMEGA.

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, Sewanee, Tenn.

Editors Palm :—As our vacation comes in the winter we are only now beginning our work for '84. We have lost two brothers, Bremond and Henderson, whom we miss greatly.

Our chapter at present numbers fourteen. We are enjoying a visit from Bro. E. A. Quintard, who left us in '81, and since then has been getting out silver ore in Mexico. We hope to see several of our elder brothers among us during the coming summer. We have a very neat flower garden in front of our hall, with two of the beds laid out in the shape of the Maltese cross, which we intend to make very attractive this season.

Our newest brother, B. R. Latham, we took in last night. We had a spirited meeting, and consider our prospects for the coming year promising. We then adjourned to a reception given by the Delta Tau Deltas, at their rooms, to all the Fraternity men and the Faculty. It was a grand success, and the Deltas may well feel proud of it.

There are now six Fraternities represented here, the *K. A.* being the last arrival.

Bro. Nants is getting up the subscriptions to the *Palm*, and will soon forward them. Hoping soon to receive the April number,

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,
JOHN F. FINLAY, *Correspondent.*

GEORGIA ALPHA-BETA.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, Athens, Ga.

Editors Palm :—Again, greatly to my chagrin, I am somewhat tardy in the performance of my pleasant duty, as correspondent

of Georgia Alpha-Beta. This time my excuse is that I was laboring under the impression that the last issue was published in January. By reference to the *Palm* I find my mistake in that; it was published in December instead. However, I trust I will not be too late for our letter to be incorporated with the letters of our sister chapters. Our chapter received an agreeable and very acceptable letter from one of our sister chapters, Ohio *A. Y.* In this connection I am reminded that our chapters are not acting as they should exactly with regard to the new chapters which have recently been organized. It would be a great benefit if they would send the new brothers letters of sympathy and regard, expressing words and sentiments which would be calculated to instill in their minds a spirit of hope and ambition. A well-directed remark on the subject by yourselves would do a great deal towards changing the order of things, as they should be.

We have been recently saddened by the departure of one of our Freshman brothers from the university on account of sickness. We hope, however, that he will soon return to us. We are glad to be in a condition at present to send a pleasing report. As to the song-book, it will require only a short time for us to be able to send you our best efforts in that line. We all hope that soon the song-book will be in the hands of every true Alpha Tau, complete in every respect. There is no reason whatever that we should be behind any other Fraternity in anything.

Our State Association (as you saw from Georgia Alpha-Zeta's letter in last issue of *Palm*) meets in Macon in June next. It gives me great pleasure to state that Ga. Alpha-Beta will be well represented there. I have no doubt that we will have a rousing time—a union of enthusiastic Alpha Taus. The fact that our last State Convention, which was to meet at this place, was not well attended should have the effect of making the chapters of the State more enthusiastic than ever before. Hoping that I am in good time, I remain,

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,
J. E. POTTLE, *Correspondent.*

NORTH CAROLINA ALPHA-DELTA.

Editors Palm:—In my last letter to the *Palm*, I promised you an account of the meeting of the N. C. Alumni Association, but as Bro. Williams is Correspondent for it, and will doubtless do the subject full justice, I will only say that we had a glorious

time, and return our sincere thanks to our Raleigh brothers for their kind and hospitable treatment.

Since our last letter we have made only one initiate, and have another man in view, but have not yet come to any conclusion in regard to him.

We have lost three valuable men since Christmas—Bros. Williams, Bradshaw and Davis—and miss their bright faces at our weekly meetings.

Bros. Stokes and Glazebrook were over here some time ago, and we enjoyed their visit very much—wish they would come oftener.

I received a very nice letter from Bro. John C. Winston this morning. He is in Minneapolis, Minn., and seems very much pleased. We wish he was nearer, so that we might catch an occasional glimpse of him.

Bro. Don. Gilliam is practicing law in Tarboro' and Bro. Spruill in Franklinton. They are doing well, and will reflect credit on themselves and their Fraternity.

Bros. Ship, Dortch and Dick are studying law at their respective homes.

Bros. Bradshaw, Davis and Vance obtained their licenses to practice law in February last, and we presume are practicing somewhere, but have heard nothing from them.

Bro. Williams is in the bank in Raleigh, and Bro. Radcliffe has charge of the chemical department of the Acme Company, near Wilmington.

Bro. Gray is Treasurer of the C. F. & Y. V. R. R., and is living at Greensboro.

Bro. McGehee is at Davidson College and Bro. Wilkes at Hoboken, N. J.

Bro. Jenkins is in business in Norfolk, and promised to stop over with us sometime about the middle of the month, but much to our regret he has not yet put in his appearance.

With fraternal greetings to yourselves and all her sister chapters from Alpha Delta,

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,
J. C. R., *Correspondent.*

ALABAMA ALPHA-EPSILON.

AUBURN, ALA.

Editors Palm :—Since our last communication several of our Brothers have left college for the purpose of “carving their way

in the world." They are Bros. Barnes, Shaver, and Awtry, and I have no doubt they will, through their energetic labor, at some future time occupy each a niche in the temple of fame. Brother Shaver, you will doubtless remember, was your former correspondent here. But although we have lost these valued brothers from our midst, yet we have about equally well filled their places by our new initiates, Bros. Howell, Burton, Persons, and Bond, all of whom are good working members. Our chapter is now in a flourishing condition. Our little band consists of eleven collegiate members and one alumnus—Bro. B. B. Ross, who lately returned from Mexico, where he has been at work on the engineering force of the Mexican Central railroad.

As you doubtless know, ours is a military college, and our Fraternity is well represented among the cadet officers. To our chapter belong two of the three captains, the adjutant, one first sergeant, color and ordnance sergeant, and two corporals. We have only three privates in our midst, and these would also be officers were it not for certain regulations that prevent them. Another instance of the high standing of our members is that whenever the college authorities select boys for special distinctions our brothers always get more than their *pro rata* number.

We now have one of the neatest Fraternity halls in the State, and all the work of our own members, too. We have, in the course of several months, transformed an empty room into an elegant hall, furnished with a nice carpet, chairs, etc., and here it is our special delight to meet every Saturday night for the purpose of mutual advice and encouragement. Here we pass pleasant and altogether delightful hours in "sweet communion" and in projecting plans for the future.

The moral status of our chapter is marked by every one. I was talking with one of our most prominent professors very recently, and in the course of conversation we drifted to the question of Fraternities. "Mr. Whitaker," he said, "I have noticed very closely the different Fraternities and their members here, and I wish to say that the members of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity here stand higher in my estimation, morally and mentally, than do any other persons in this college." What higher praise could one wish?

Our earnest wish, and the object toward which our endeavors will always be turned, is to become in every respect the best chapter in Alpha Tau Omega.

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

WALTER C. WHITAKER, *Correspondent.*

GEORGIA ALPHA-ZETA.

MERCER UNIVERSITY, Macon, Ga.

Editors Palm.:—When I wrote last I stated that the Alpha-Zeta Chapter was in a flourishing condition. She has lost nothing since my last letter, but still keeps up well. I say she has lost nothing; I mean of course in chapter standing.

The Alpha-Zeta Chapter badge of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity was, during the month of January, draped in mourning for the first time since our organization. Bro. Rufus Erasmus Murrow, of the graduating class of 1882, and one of our charter members, died at Thomaston on Dec. 23, 1883.

I notice in the last issue of the *Palm*, in the Directory, that the next Annual Convention of the Georgia State Association meets with Alpha Theta Chapter in June next, which is a mistake. Please make a correction in the next issue, as it meets with our chapter this year—it met with Alpha Theta Chapter last year.

Our present roll is as follows:

J. D. Chapman, J. E. Powell, W. H. Weaver, E. V. Baldy, M. D. Jones, J. M. Kelly, S. H. Rogers, J. F. Schofield, L. E. Williams, R. E. Findlay, C. W. Findlay, G. R. Butler, J. D. Howard, F. W. Clisby, W. E. Howell, J. W. Napier, T. A. Napier, I. L. B. Stevens, S. R. Wiley.

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

E. V. BALDY, *Correspondent*.

NORTH CAROLINA ALPHA-ETA.

Editors Palm.:—Since our last chapter letter our vacation has passed and with it three more Alpha Taus have gone out to grapple with the realities of life. We bid Bro. Drew farewell, and hope him a successful and long career. No chapter has sent out a more active Alpha Tau than Bro. D. The opening of this term found only four to bear the Alpha Tau colors. Two others have been initiated, and still two more have been found worthy to wear the Maltese cross, and will be initiated at our next meeting. We have with us, besides these, Bro. S. H. Chester, who has charge of two churches here. We hope he will do us and our Fraternity good. We now feel assured that our chapter, though it be "sub-rosa," is "solid." Our chapter was established in May, '81, and since that time thirty-six have been elected

to wear our badge. What chapter can beat this? We had a very pleasant visit from Bros. M. Ambler Glazebrook and Thos. D. Stokes. We are always glad to see "Am." We were especially glad to meet Bro. Stokes, as is chiefly due to him the establishment of the North Carolina Alpha-Delta and North Carolina Alpha-Eta Chapters.

According to a notice in the December *Palm* twenty-one North Carolina Alpha Taus met in Raleigh, June 3d, '84, to organize a North Carolina State Alumni Association. We met in Bro. Page's office; officers were elected; all the necessary committees were appointed, and all agreed to meet in Raleigh, N. C., in October, '84, to complete the organization of the association and have a glorious time.

To the Raleigh brothers we will always feel obligated for the table that awaited us at the "Tarborough House." The boys had no thought of expense, evidently. The "menu" was handsomely gotten up, but it was all "French" to your correspondent. Bro. Walter Page presided.

After the feast toasts were offered and responded to. We cannot refrain from mentioning a toast by Bro. Page, "To the North Carolina Alpha-Eta Chapter—the pet of the Fraternity." We left the feast full of the offerings of the Raleigh brothers, overflowing with delight and enthusiasm, full of love for the brothers and for the success of the "Alpha-Tau Omega Fraternity," and with the joyful expectation that we would meet in Raleigh again in October. The benefits which will result from our meeting will be seen and felt. Your correspondent had the honor and pleasure of meeting Bro. Page at his home, and found Mrs. Page as enthusiastic an Alpha Tau as Bro. Page.

We would write more fully of our meeting, but suppose the secretary will do so. Suffice it to say, that a committee of arrangements was appointed to get up programme.

We earnestly and sincerely hope that the committee will have with us Bro. Otis A. Glazebrook, and others of our honored brothers. Bro. Page told us that we would never have done our duty as Alpha Taus until we had grasped the hand of Bro. Glazebrook.

We now close, hoping for the success of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity and the *Palm*.

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

D., *Correspondent.*

PENNSYLVANIA TAU.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Phila., Pa.

Editors Palm.:—The affairs of our chapter, as well as those of the college, are in such a quiet state that it is almost impossible for me to say anything which you have not heard, with the one exception, namely, the initiation of Rees and Belles, thus making fourteen active members.

The New Jersey Alpha Kappa is having a steel cut engraved at Dreka's, and she hopes some of the chapters will aid her by using this cut in such college papers as it may be suitable.

Although our progress heretofore has been gradual, I think we have had quite a start since September, having added eight new men to our list. As we have not the gift that Burns craved for, I cannot tell you how we stand in the eyes of our sister Fraternities.

PERSONALS.

Bro. Easby, '81, was married on Thursday, January 24th, at Media.

Bro. Ash, '83, is a civil engineer in the Pennsylvania railroad, stationed at Baltimore.

Bro. Sharpe, '85, is also in the Pennsylvania railroad, but as a mechanical engineer.

Bro. Scull, '85, is in his father's store, coffee importer, on Front street.

Bro. Willberger, '85, is superintending an orange plantation in Florida, near Jacksonville.

Bro. Harris, '86, is at the school of Technology in Massachusetts.

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

PERCY ASH, *Correspondent*.

GEORGIA ALPHA-THETA.

EMORY COLLEGE, Oxford, Ga.

Editors Palm.:—I have just received your card, notifying me that it is time to write my chapter letter. This is one of my most pleasant duties. I love to tell the brothers all over the country what we are doing, and I love to read what they are doing. I feel disappointed when the *Palm* comes and some of the

chapters fail to have letters in it. I want to hear from *every one* in each *Palm*. I think this is a duty that should never be neglected. Our chapter is, at present, in good condition. We have twenty-two active members. Two of them will receive the degree of A. B. at commencement, leaving twenty under-graduates for the next year. According to classes, our membership is as follows: Senior, 2; junior, 8; Sophomore, 8; Freshman, 7; sub-Freshman, 3. The following have been initiated since writing my last letter: G. P. Munro, Georgia; R. H. Babington, Franklin, La.; F. O. Robertson, Searcy, Ark.; J. T. Dixon, West Point, Ga.; W. J. Donovan, Wadley, Ga.; J. A. Cheatham, Wadley, Ga.

The speakers' places for this year have not yet been announced, but we expect some in every class. Bro. Evans left Christmas and joined the Little Rock Conference. He is now stationed at Arkansas City, Ark. He writes to us and says that he is soon to marry. Bro. Boykin is married, and is teaching school at Franklin, Ga. Bro. Brooks quit college at the same time Bro. Evans did. He is teaching school in Pike county, Ga. Bro. Shaw is farming. Bro. Conn is in business with his father, at Milledgeville, Ga. Bro. Nall is teaching at Corinth, Ga. Bro. Tigner is reading medicine at White Sulphur Springs, Ga. Bro. Haygood is in business in Atlanta. Bro. Jones is reading law. Bro. Farrar is in business at Macon, Ga.

The last seven are our last year's graduates. All of them are at work. We feel proud of them.

We intend to have another banquet this year. The raise our last banquet gave us helped our standing in college every way. We think of doing as we did last year—inviting some members of other Fraternities and some non-Fraternity men. We want to show a tolerant and friendly spirit towards all. We are impatient for the new number of the *Palm*. The chapter sends love to all Alpha Taus.

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

LINTON B. ROBESON, *Correspondent*.

NEW JERSEY ALPHA-KAPPA.

STEVENS' INSTITUTE, Hoboken, N. J.

Editors Palm:—It being vacation our chapter is scattered from Georgia to Wisconsin, four only of our number remaining in the city during the vacation, which closes the 21st instant.

Bro. Boynton and myself are working on the *Bolt* (our college

annual), which is in press and will be published about the 10th of May. We will send copies to each chapter as named in the *Palm* Directory—and we crib the request of the Michigan Alpha-Mu Chapter in the December *Palm*, “Please send the address of the proper persons for the three sub-rosa chapters. We do not wish to omit any; therefore, please make your requests for them before the supply is exhausted.”

We have some news to write that will, we trust, interest every Alpha Tau. As our Fraternity had no steel engraving suitable for a page in a college annual, last year we had a photo-engraving made for our Fraternity page in the *Bolt*. This year we decided that our Fraternity was worthy of a fine steel engraving, and that it should have one even if we had to bear the whole expense ourselves. Pennsylvania Tau united with us, and now there is a steel engraving worthy, we think, of our noble brotherhood, from which any chapter can have prints by applying to us. Prints from engraving will be sent with each copy of the *Bolt*, so that every Alpha Tau may know whereof we now write.

We trust that you will accept the above news as sufficient for this letter; and, as there is a pile of proof sheets before me to be corrected, I will close with the warmest wishes of our brothers for the Fraternity and its organ, the *Palm*.

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

MELLEN S. HARLOW, *Correspondent*.

OHIO ALPHA-NU.

MT. UNION COLLEGE, Mt. Union, Ohio.

Editors Palm :—Having been reminded by the W. M. that a chapter letter should be sent to the *Palm*, I will now attempt to fulfill my duty.

Ohio Alpha-Nu has now a band of eleven jolly boys, having initiated this term Bros. S. W. Mellott, J. K. Jenkins, and Fred. H. McClane, brothers of whom every true Alpha Tau may feel proud.

Our outlook for the remainder of this and the coming term is indeed encouraging.

We were pleased to have with us at our last meeting Bro. W. F. Bliss, and at a previous meeting Bro. O. C. Walker. Come again, brothers.

Bro. Bliss was on his way from Indiana (where he was assist-

ant principal of the Ossian schools) to the hills of Western Pennsylvania, his native place.

Bro. R. Q. Grant's address is changed from Ft. Myer, Va., to Atlanta, Ga., at which place he is in the employ of the U. S. Signal Service.

Bro. Billingsley is engaged in the real estate business at Allegheny City, Pa.

Sigma Chapter, Delta Tau Delta, has recently placed the Crescent upon two members of the class of '87, while Alpha Chapter, Delta Gamma, has "anchored" a lady of the same class.

The college is flourishing finely, more students being in attendance than for many terms previous.

Yours, in Alpha Tau Omega,

GEO. J. BOYD, *Correspondent.*

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA-RHO.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY, So. Bethlehem, Pa.

Editors Palm :—In our present letter we are pleased to chronicle the continued prosperity of our chapter. We have increased our number since our last, and at present number nine active members, whose names and addresses, in order of membership, we append :

W. D. B. Ainey, Allentown, Pa.

R. S. Breinig, Breinigsville, Pa.

E. B. Schmidt, Iliion, N. Y.

J. H. L. Ogden, Macon, Ga.

S. D. Langdon, Summersville, Ga.

G. F. Richards, Pittsburgh, Pa.

R. K. Polk, Columbia, Tenn.

H. C. Yeatman, Nashville, Tenn.

Walter Wyckoff, Belvidere, N. J.

And J. C. Buckner (Va. Delta), Baltimore, Md., who has affiliated with our chapter. Were we able to postpone our letter a few days we would add other names to the above list.

The Alpha Rho has secured a chapter-room, and have it very neatly furnished. It is situated in one of the most desirable portions of Bethlehem.

Bro. Ziegler, of Harvard ('84), writes us that on completion of his course there he proposes going to Freiburg, Saxony, to continue his studies.

Yours, in Alpha Tau Omega,

W. D. B. AINEY,

Correspondent, Alpha Rho.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA-UPSILON.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE, Gettysburg, Pa.

Editors Palm:—Alpha-Upsilon Chapter has been progressive from its first establishment. The Fraternity spirit has more or less infused itself into the heart of every member, and has made each one of our boys an earnest, faithful worker. This earnestness has had its fruits, as may be seen from our roll of our initiates. As none of our new members were mentioned in the last issue of the *Palm*, permit me to present them here :

W. S. Schroder, Gettysburg, Pa.

J. C. Reighard, Cessna, Pa.

Harlan Mentzer, Leitersburg, Pa.

John Clugston, Waynesboro, Pa.

G. M. Brown, Cavetown, Md.

H. L. Neff, Blain, Pa.

Harry Spangler, Arnedtsville, Pa.

Bro. Schroder is our resident member, initiated under the article of our Constitution, permitting one resident member annually.

We must not fail to mention a delightful surprise given our boys the latter part of last term by some ladies of Gettysburg. Their secret was given out to one member who conducted the fair girls up to our Hall, directly after meeting. The party came laden with numerous refreshments, and happily did the hours of that evening pass away between the Gettysburg maidens and the boys of Alpha Tau Omega. Long shall we remember this kindness. Shortly after returning from the Christmas vacation, Bro. Jordy also gave the boys a pleasant "set up," which was very much enjoyed.

I cannot refrain from expressing my congratulations to our beloved Fraternity in placing a chapter at the South Carolina College. I know personally the high standing of the institution—the noble class of boys there—and I bless the efforts which have resulted in the organization of a chapter.

As the work of getting up the song-book still virtually rests upon this chapter, you will excuse me from making another appeal. It is strange that members of the Fraternity will contribute excellent poems to the *Palm*, and yet never send a single stanza to us for the song-book. Brothers, I know you all feel the need of songs at the meetings. If you will only help us a little *now*, this need will soon vanish. Send any kind of poetry

you may have written and we will shape it into a song. We want a temporary edition, at least, published very soon.

At this season of the year Fraternity news is very scarce. Since our last letter E. Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, at Pennsylvania College, has been made the grand chapter in that flourishing Fraternity. Sigma Alpha-Epsilon still lives here, but, like a deep river, flows silently. This year, so far, has been remarkable for good conduct among the students at this place.

Our prospects for the future are good at Pennsylvania College, and Bro. Thomas can bet with ease upon his baby Pennsylvania chapter. We are glad to see such encouraging reports from many chapters in the last *Palm*. Let us keep the good work going on and never grow weary of doing our duty well in the noble work to which Alpha Tau Omega has called us. With love and best wishes, believe us now, as always,

Yours, in Alpha Tau Omega,

HARRY E. HARMAN, *Correspondent*.

KENTUCKY MU.

KENTUCKY MILITARY INSTITUTE, Farmdale, Ky.

Editors Palm.:—It is with feelings of great pleasure I indite this letter. Our chapter is in a prosperous condition with great hopes of success in future. We began this year with eight true and loyal members, but our chapter numbers nineteen at this time. Although not being as large numerically as our two sister chapters at this place, we feel confident of success, and can say we are proud of our material. Seven of our brothers hold offices of trust and honor at this place, viz: Assistant Commandant Capt. R. S. Allen, Capt. Co. A, W. N. Shelton, Capt. J. P. Harris, H. M. Sucky, second lieutenant and adjutant; Lieutenant S. Goodloe, Sergeant-Major L. Stone, Sergeant W. H. Netherland,—all of them having the esteem and respect of our worthy Colonel and Superintendent.

We have several brothers who are connected with the Philomathean Literary Society, each of whom has held honorable offices in said society.

We are glad to note the return of our worthy brother, J. P. Harris, who was compelled to leave last year in the midst of his examination, but his standing was so high his degree was conferred upon him. He has returned to complete the examinations

which he left last year, not wishing to have a degree that he hadn't earned fully.

The next meeting of the Kentucky alumni will be at Lexington, Ky. Several of our members will attend.

We are delighted to receive the *Palm*, and are glad to see the work it causes among our members. With many good wishes for the success of the *Palm* and the promotion of our Fraternity, I remain,

Yours, in Alpha Tau Omega,
L. STONE, *Correspondent*.

OHIO ALPHA-~~PHI~~.

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WITTENBERG COLLEGE, Springfield, O.

Editors Palm:—I hardly know what excuse to offer for our delay in our *Palm* letter. For one thing, we have been extra busy since March 1st with our examination work, but now that that is over, we will try and do better. Still, to proceed with the news. To-morrow evening will be our first meeting of the new term. All our brothers are at college and at work except one, Bro. Guinner, who at present is at his home in the northern part of the State. Bro. Krout, after a prolonged absence, teaching school, is with us once more. All are enthusiastic for Alpha Tau Omega, and our chapter promises well for the future. Our men, all of them, did well in the last examination. Our hall just suits us. We have it furnished with Brussels, tables, chairs, lamps, etc. We have ten men now who take an active part in our work, only one being absent from the institution. Next year Wittenberg will move into its new building, and will take a rank among the first of the State. The new building will cost about \$60,000 or \$70,000, and it is proposed to add \$5,000 or \$6,000 worth of apparatus to the Physical laboratory.

Since I wrote to you there has been another Fraternity (or to be more accurate, another attempt at starting another Fraternity) started here. It was a chapter of Phi Gamma Delta. It is *said* there has been a charter granted to it, but so little has been done that it is thought that it was an abortive attempt.

Will you please to stir up some of our sister chapters? We have heard from only two so far. Are they dead or only sleeping? I must say, that the chapter letters in the last *Palm* were a grand addition to that number. Indeed, it seems almost as if we could reach across and shake hands, although we have only one

or two sister chapters anywhere near. I notice, also, the article on Chapter Annals, and I must say that I think the plan suggested is an excellent one.

We also wish, through the *Palm*, to thank the Phi Kappa Psi Shield for its kind notice of our chapter.

In great haste, I remain

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

BEN F. TAYLOR, *Correspondent.*

SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA-CHI.

CHARLESTON, S. C.

Editors Palm :—Bro. McIver, having left the Academy, the duties of correspondent have fallen on me, and I fear I will be unequal to the task, but will try to prove myself otherwise. Our chapter has at last got down to three in number.

Bros. Pelzer and McIver left us a few weeks ago. The former has gone to work in his father's cotton office, the latter has gone to college at Columbia, S. C., and will add one more to the fast rising chapter at that place. Although small in number, we are not to be discouraged; we are getting on very well now, and expect to initiate two more men as soon as we get a receipt of the application, which we sent on nearly a month ago. It has either been lost in the mail or sent some chapter other than the right one.

We read the last *Palm* with a great deal of interest, but would like to have seen more Greek news.

Since writing to Bro. Glazebrook, asking his opinion concerning the running of our chapter other than "sub-rosa," I have found out that the superintendent is very much opposed to Fraternities. As a sort of safeguard, each chapter (three in number) has appointed a committee of two to meet and draw up resolutions which will be binding on all members of the three Fraternities represented here. The committee has not had its meeting yet, but the substance of the resolutions will be about as follows: If any man is caught, no matter what Fraternity he belongs to, he will not be allowed to suffer individually, but all the Fraternity men in school will rise and demand of the superintendent that he shall recognize us as members of strong and firmly organized chapters of the different Fraternities. If he refuse, the only course he can take is to suspend all Fraternity men until the "Board of Visitors" can meet on the case. This he is not likely to do, for

he will have to suspend about fifty of his best men in school at once, and included in the fifty are all of his cadet officers, with two or three exceptions. I don't know if this plan will work, but we mean to try it.

Please have our chapter name Alpha Phi, as you have it in the *Palm*, changed to Alpha Chi, for it is not right as you have it Our "regulation book" and "secret work" has Alpha Chi" in the back, and it is on this basis that I make the request.

Excuse brevity, for we are in the midst of our semi-annual examinations.

With love to all the brothers, we remain

Yours ever in the bonds of Alpha Tau Omega,

F. M. ROBERTSON, JR., *Correspondent*.

SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA-PSI.

SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE, Columbia, S. C.

Editors Palm :—It becomes my duty again to write a letter from this chapter. I see frequently in the *Palm* that correspondents complain of having this duty imposed upon them, but I am sure that if they were to reflect they would be obliged to recognize the importance of chapter letters and the pleasure which they give to other chapters. If they recognize this last fact they would be only too glad to contribute anything to the well-being of the Fraternity.

Our chapter here is in very good condition. We now have the following members: Breeden, Bee, Burton, Green, Hamer, Johnstone, Kinard, McIver, Melton, Preston, and Thompson.

We suffered a severe loss through the retirement from college of Bro. McDow. He was an as earnest and sincere Alpha Tau as any that the Fraternity boasts.

We have now obtained a hall, which we are endeavoring to furnish. The chapter is altogether flourishing. We are all enthusiastic believers and firm admirers of Alpha Tau Omega.

Some time ago a Pan-Hellenic conference of the Fraternities represented in college was held. Several needed local reforms were made, and several important moves were inaugurated.

There are to be here a valedictorian and respondent from the Fraternities, who shall deliver an address before the Fraternities here represented.

We wish to express our thanks for the kind notices and wishes

which we are constantly receiving. We will endeavor to make ourselves what our friends wish us, and you may be assured that the Maltese cross will stand high.

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,
W. C. PRESTON, *Correspondent.*

FLORIDA ALPHA-OMEGA.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, Tallahassee, Fla.

Editors Palm:—It affords me the greatest possible pleasure to have the opportunity of speaking praisingly through the medium of the *Palm* in behalf of the Florida Alpha Omega Chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. As I am more familiar with this chapter than any other, it is a natural consequence that I should speak more of it than any other. But allow me to say, in behalf of all the chapters of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, that they are composed of those who are unsurpassed by the best men in college, who stand equal to the best in the circles of first-class society, and those who are the strongest in the everlasting bonds of true friendship.

Our Alpha Omega Chapter was established at the University of Florida in February, 1884, by our talented young friends and Alpha Tau Omega brothers, W. H. Milton, Jr., and Howard Lamar, of the Alabama Alpha-Epsilon Chapter, whose untiring energies and long continued efforts shall ever be highly appreciated by every member of the Alpha Omega Chapter.

First and most important of all things, they were careful, very careful, in selecting the best men in college to begin the chapter with; and I will assure you that a set of men more attentive to their studies, orderly in conduct, and of a more soldierly bearing are to be found nowhere. And our Alpha Tau Omega sisters at this place, though as yet a few, are excelled by none and equalled by few for their ladylike appearance, charming intelligence, and such great respect which they command for every member of their Fraternity. Suffice it to say, that they are a true type of angelic perfection. May our Fraternity continue to spread its chapters, that nations may see and generations to come may appreciate the sacred mysteries of the "Great Triumvius." May our Fraternity badge be seen adorning the breasts of our most highly esteemed and accomplished ladies, as well as gracing the lapels of the coats of all our leading statesmen. And may our chapters be established in the leading colleges of the world as

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Macon, Ga.

well as those of our own country. You see I am enthusiastic. Haste shortens this letter. As I am anxious for this to appear in the March issue of the *Palm*, I will close.

Yours, fraternally, J. H. CARTER, *Correspondent*.

MICHIGAN ALPHA-MU.

ADRIAN COLLEGE, Adrian, Mich.

Editors Palm.:—I hope this will reach you in time for publication. Your card asking for letter was received some time ago, but, as our newly-elected correspondent was absent at the time, the matter has been neglected.

Since our last letter we have initiated the three men we then announced, and also Bro Jesse Smith, all of whom are now enthusiastic Alpha Taus.

Bro. Cade's eyes gave him so much trouble that he was compelled to leave us about the close of the fall term.

Bro. Sampson left at the close of the winter term, but has his work in such shape that he goes out with his class next year.

Our chapter meetings are held every Saturday evening, and are well attended and enjoyable. At our last meeting we elected the following officers: G. B. Deakin, W. M.; M. B. Whitaker, Ch.; W. N. Jordan, W. R. E.; B. F. Aldrich, Cor.; J. H. Smith, W. S.; F. M. Aunks, W. U.; A. E. Kirk, W. Sen.

Until lately three Greek "families" have lived at Adrian—Kappa Kappa Upsilon, Delta Tau Delta, and Alpha Tau Omega—but our Delta friends tell us they have surrendered their charter. If it be true, as we have heard, that Delta Tau Delta has "ambitious designs," it is perhaps not wise in her to insult good loyal chapters who have graduated over half their men, until they send in their charter.

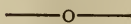
We are now engaged in making improvements in our chapter-room, and compiling and arranging statistics of our members, to be kept upon record in connection with our chapter annals. This latter is something after the plan proposed in a recent number of the *Palm*; thanks to the brother for that article which gave us an impetus to take up such an important work.

Many other things in the last *Palm*, as in all of them, cheered, yes, even fired, us with the spirit of Alpha Tau Omega, especially the glowing accounts of the new chapters. Each of them have sent us a reply to our letter of greeting.

We all want the *Palm*. Although we have not yet sent in our subscriptions for '84, they will be forthcoming in a few days.

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,
G. B. DEAKIN, *Correspondent*.

LETTERS FROM ALUMNI.



WINS' EYE HOSPITAL, Philadelphia, April 7, '84.

Dear Brother :—I don't think I have sent my subscription for the *Palm* this year, so please find one dollar enclosed. I leave this morning for New York, and sail for Europe on the 9th, where I will spend six months, and perhaps a year. My trip is both for pleasure and study, and I shall try to mix them in about equal quantities. I have not yet determined where I will practice when I return, but I suppose somewhere in the sunny South.

Until further notice, please send my copy of the *Palm* to Cheraw, S. C.

With best wishes for you and yours, I am,

Yours, fraternally,

CHAS. W. KOLLOCK.



FRANKLIN, GA., April 14, '84.

Dear Brother :—I have been traveling so much I have not had the *Palm* in over a year. Send it to me with all the numbers since and including the last Congress. I cannot do without it. I am now teaching in the Institute at this place. Have a large school with some Professors. I am Professor of Languages. Tell the boys where I am. Will write more soon.

Yours, fraternally,

SAMUEL BOYKIN.



RICHMOND, VA., ——— ———, '84.

Dear Brother :—It has been such a long time since I have paid any money to the treasurer of the *Palm* that I am sure my subscription must be out, and there is one thing certain: I would not be without the *Palm* were the subscription price ten times what it is. So closely have I been confined on account of business that I have been in ignorance for some time of what our Fraternity was doing. You, who *know* my deep love for Alpha Tau Omega, can imagine my feelings to-night while reading the De-

ember No. of our journal. I do trust that the good work may go on, and when I can serve you in any way, call on me and you shall have a ready and cheerful response. I do hope that I may soon see you and learn more in detail of our recent grand achievements. What a splendid work Bro. Thomas has done, and I feel proud that I was the fortunate one who initiated him into our order, though the credit of getting his consent to becoming one of us belongs to others. I can't see that "Nebraska" (Darrow) has gotten that chapter, he told us of in Washington, in running order yet. Hope that he will tell us more of it when we meet in Philadelphia.

Believe me as ever to be your true friend and devoted brother
in Alpha Tau Omega,

SYL STOKES.

Enclosed please find \$1.00 for *Palm*.

HUNTERSVILLE, W. VA., April 23, 1884.

Dear Brother Glazebrook:—As the spring is very late, and not favorable to the growth of vegetation generally, and for fear the *Palm* may not be as financially flourishing as it should, I shall let my due—drop among its branches, in the hope that, small as it is, it may not be without its effect, but may do something toward the good cause for which it is designed.

With many good wishes, I am as ever,

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

R. S. TURK.

KISSIMMEE CITY, January 11, 1884.

Dear Brother:—Please find enclosed one dollar for the *Palm* for one year. Please send me the last issue of 1883, and let that one be one of the four. I am a member of the Kentucky Mu of 1883.

With best wishes for Alpha Tau Omega, I am,

Yours in bonds of Alpha Tau Omega,

J. H. ALLEN, JR.

WILSON, N. C., February 13, 1884.

Dear Brother:—I have not yet received the December number of the *Palm*. I regret having to trouble you, but am anxious to see that number.

I hope yet to be able to write something for the *Palm*. My time is closely occupied, however, by my school duties, and when I do have a little time, it is hard to muster up enough energy to write anything worthy of the *Palm*. I am proud of it, as the organ of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. The editorial, "Definite Work for Fraternities," in the last October number, ought to be productive of the greatest possible good to our *sub-rosa* chapters. I wish you would suggest in the next number that the *sub-rosa* chapters re-read and re-re-read it. It is just what we need, and just what we must do before we overcome the inborn prejudice alive in the minds of some of our otherwise wide-awake presidents.

With my best wishes, I am,

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

JNO. F. BRUTON.

COLUMBUS, NEB., March 7, 1884.

Dear Brother:—I sent you some days ago post-office order for \$3.00. Please follow directions given in the accompanying note.

I want to add a word in praise of the efforts put forth by Bro. Hart in regard to our work at the Nebraska State University. He has written me repeatedly to run down to Lincoln and mature our plans, but I have, so far, been too busy with my work to spare the time. I am "personally" very proud of this Bro. Hart. With only a few years' residence in our State, he has taken a conspicuous place in the front rank of his profession. Still he can spare time for the good of our Fraternity, and I am too busy (?)!! I feel as if I ought to be reproved, still I promise my assistance at a very early day.

I was sorry to see so few of the "Boys" on my recent return to Virginia.

If Owens will meet me where we last met, I shall be glad to see him May 24th.

Hart is right about "this being the country for a young man," but he should bring the *ties* with him. Mine are still east, as my semi-annual visits will attest.

Suppose you have frequent calls from Bro. Len. Marbury, as he passes through Charlottesville on his regular business (?) trips. With my best wishes,

Yours, fraternally,

GEORGE DARROW.

My address is Omaha.

WESTON, W. VA.

Dear Brother:—I have not received the December number of the *Palm* yet. Has it been issued? Please let me know whether my subscription has expired. If so, I will remit at once. I want the *Palm*. I want to hear from old friends. Would like to write you a letter, but have not time. My best wishes for your success. I remain,

Ever your brother in the bonds of Alpha Tau Omega,
J. S. VANDERVORT.

FISHERSVILLE, VA., Augusta County, April 16, 1884.

Dear Brother:—I have not received a copy of the *Palm* for some time, and thinking I may have overlooked my subscription I send it herewith. I feel a deep interest in our Fraternity, and cannot do without the *Palm*, as that is the only means of communication between the members; and I greatly desire to see more letters from members and alumni, as that is the most interesting part of it.

I have seen no notice of the time or place of our State Alumni organization meeting this spring. If such notice is not in the *Palm* I would be glad to know of it, as I would like to attend it if possible.

Wishing you success, and that our Fraternity may grow and prosper, I remain,

Fraternally yours, JAS. R. KEMPER.

ALTO, COLUMBIA Co., Washington Territory.

Dear Brother:—It is my painful duty to notify the Fraternity of the loss of one who was in every way worthy of the esteem of all Alpha Taus. I refer to our Bro. W. T. Locke, one of the most earnest of the small number who, late in the spring of '82, endeavored to open and maintain a chapter of Alpha Tau Omega in Corvallis, Oregon.

I should have written you sooner, but thought that Brother Masters had notified you some time since. Hoping that you will pardon the delay, allow me to subscribe myself still an Alpha Tau in *spirit*, if not in deed.

Bro. W. T. Locke died at Myrtle Point, Coss county, Oregon, August 15th, 1883. He re-entered college in October preceding, but his health failing, he was compelled to leave college.

Early in the spring he went to southern Oregon, where his health was so much improved that he was enabled to teach a term of school. He returned in July and was married to a Miss Lewis, a very estimable young lady of Corvallis. After spending a few weeks visiting friends and relatives, he, accompanied by his young wife, returned to Southern Oregon, where he had engaged to teach through the fall and winter. After teaching one day, he was attacked by typhoid fever, and in less than a week we were compelled to mourn the loss of a friend and brother, and his wife, the bride of five weeks, the loss of a kind and loving husband.

Yours, fraternally,

W. H. HOLMAN.

REIDSVILLE, N. C.

Dear Brother:—Will you please notify me when my time is out for the *Palm*. I wish to renew. The *Palm* is to me what rain and dew is to the plant. It keeps me fresh and growing in the Alpha Tau work. Although I have not been able to do much, yet I hope to be of service to our beloved Fraternity.

Wishing you and the *Palm* a prosperous New Year, I am,

Yours, in Alpha Tau Omega bonds,

S. H. BOYD.

PILOT POINT, DENTON CO., TEXAS, February 28, 1884.

Dear Brother:—Enclosed please find postal note for one dollar, for which you will send to my address vol. 4 of the *Palm*.

I have just returned home from Mexico, where I have been engaged in civil engineering on the Tampico and San Luis Potosi branch of the Mexican Central Railway since the fall of '81. Bros. B. B. Ross (Ala. Alpha-Epsilon, '79) and F. E. Montague (I think he is a member of the Virginia Alpha Chapter) were also engineers on the line.

On my return I came via San Luis Potosi, Queretaro, City of Mexico, Vera Cruz, Galveston and New Orleans. I will engage in engineering work here as soon as spring opens and construction begins on some of the projected roads.

If you ever chance to make a trip to the "Lone Star State," I would be pleased to have you pay me a visit.

With best wishes for the *Palm*, regards to yourself and all Alpha Taus, I am,

Fraternally yours,

JAMES M. REID.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., March 15, 1884.

Dear Brother :—I have been very negligent of my duty in reference to our paper, so I enclose you ten dollars. Consider me a subscriber in arrears since the time to which my subscription was paid. Please designate in your receipt over what period of time it extends my subscription.

Yours, in bonds Alpha Tau Omega,

M. L. WICKS.

MACON, GA.

Dear Brother :—All that I have to say is that the Alpha Zeta boys are getting on finely, and are at present, without doubt, *the best chapter in Mercer* in everything that constitutes a successful chapter. Now I know this will be good news to you. When I say this, I do no chapter at Mercer injustice and at the same time I tell the *exact truth*.

I saw Bro. Williams (Alpha-Zeta) to-day, and he brought me the same good news that I heard from an alien. I told him that at their next meeting I expected to be present, and was going to try and bring all the Alpha Tau Omega boys in town out. In fact, we were going to have a sort of love feast. Wish you could be with us.

Hope the *Palm* will soon come. I know you are pressed for time and will not ask you to write. With much love,

Yours, fraternally,

WILLIE B. BURCH.

WAYNESBORO', GA.

Dear Brother :—Enclosed please find a post-office order for one dollar (\$1.00), for which please *renew* my subscription to the *Palm*.

I have graduated at Oxford (Ga.) College, and am now studying law at my home in Waynesboro', Ga. Please change my post-office to Waynesboro', Ga.

I desire to continue taking the *Palm* and to keep up my interest in the Fraternity.

Yours, fraternally,

S. H. JONES.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, 1ST COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

February 14, 1884.

Dear Brother :—Please send my next *Palm* to above address. Answering a call from the Civil Service Commission, addressed to those with legal qualifications, I passed a successful examination January 31st, and was admitted to above office, where I assist in the revision of the 1st Comptroller's legal opinions, now published annually in a volume.

I hear that I am the first one yet admitted to the department by means of a technical examination.

Yours, fraternally, with love to all,

E. J. RENICK.

MARIANNA, FLA.

Dear Brother :—I wrote you some two months ago in reference to establishing a chapter of Alpha Tau Omega in the Florida University, but heard nothing from you. This institution, formerly the West Florida Seminary, was incorporated by the last Legislature of the State, and in addition to the literary department, the schools of law and medicine were incorporated. The institution is in a flourishing condition, and many circumstances indicate that the school will soon be even far better than it is now. I have already selected a few choice young men who would form a good chapter. Bro. Hayes has referred me to you, and if you see proper to let me have a permit to establish the chapter I will go over to Tallahassee and organize as soon as possible. Bro. W. H. Milton will go with me.

I also wrote you that the Alpha Taus in the State have been in correspondence with one another for some time and are anxious to organize a State Alumni Association. There are twelve or fifteen of us in the State, and if we succeed in establishing the chapter at Tallahassee we will then have a thriving organization.

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

HOWARD LAMAR,
From Alabama Alpha-Epsilon Chapter.

WEST ALEXANDER, PA.

Dear Brother :—The chapter at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa., is doing splendidly now. I did fear for it, but I am greatly encouraged now, and feel confident it will be a good chapter. All the other Fraternities thought it dead, but they find it a lively corpse at present.

Hoping for an early reply, I am,

Yours, in Alpha Tau Omega,

T. A. ANDERSON.

45 W. 25TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

Dear Brother :—Almost my last words in parting were, I will write as soon as I am settled in New York. This promise I failed to keep, because I determined not to write until I had something pleasant to say.

I forgot to give you my address, so I failed to get the October No. of the *Palm*. Will you be kind enough to send it to me, as it will aid me in working for the Fraternity. I should also like to have the address of some member, the most energetic, of the New Jersey Alpha-Kappa Chapter.

Bro. Daniel tells me there is a brother at Columbia, by name Howard, from Sewanee. I have looked in vain for his name. You may be able to tell me in what department he is.

I am happy to see that the Virginia Delta is in such a flourishing condition.

Fraternally yours,

R. D. A. WADE.

MEMORIAL DEPARTMENT.

ROBERT PIERCE WILLIAMSON.

(Georgia Alpha-Theta, '81.)

There hangs a dark cloud over our hearts, and as a token of the same our badges are placed in mourning. We truly mourn our loss in the death of Brother Robert Pierce Williamson, one of our most worthy brothers. He was the son of Rev. R. F. Williamson, South Georgia Conference. He was born July 26, 1863; entered college fall term 1880, and was initiated in the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity October 18, 1881. He died at his home, Ellaville, Ga., July 22, 1883.

As a member of our Brotherhood he was true to all its noble principles, and won the love and admiration of us all. In his death we sustain a loss not easy to repair.

As a student he gave evidences of more than ordinary talent. He had just completed the Sophomore year and advanced as second in his class to Junior. He bid fair to take as high marks as were ever given by the faculty of Emory College. He was on the stage at our last commencement, and acquitted himself with much honor as one of the best declaimers in the Sophomore class. By all he was adjudged to be among the best declaimers in college.

He was also an appreciated member of the Phi Gamma Literary Society, and ranked among the best debators, having been lately elected as one of the fall term public debaters from that society. He had on several occasions acquitted himself with honor as an officer of the same.

His studies were not confined to text-books. He was a student of nature and a general reader. His sense of honor and justice was high. He was in harmony with all that was true

and right, and a foe to evil in every form. He was very popular with the best men in college, and sought as the sphere in which he preferred moving that frequented by men of true manliness.

His perseverance was rather remarkable; and instead of murmuring at difficulties and giving up in despair before obstacles, he took hold of hindrances with an energetic hand, and either climbed over them or pushed them out of his way.

He inherited something of that peculiar eloquence which characterized his relative, the late Senator Ben Hill; and it was not without reason that his friends predicted a bright career for him in his chosen profession, that of the law. But all these worldly anticipations are now gone, and his friends are left to bow in humble submission before a mysterious Providence which forbids the scrutiny, but demands the reverence and faith of man.

E. N. EVANS.

Emory College, Ga.

Preamble and Resolutions, Adopted by the Georgia Alpha-Zeta Chapter Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, in Respect to ROBERT PIERCE WILLIAMSON.

Whereas we have received intelligence of the death of our beloved Bro. Williamson; and whereas he was an acceptable and honorable member of this chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity:

Resolved, 1. That this chapter hereby express a sense of the loss we sustain in the death of one of our most worthy members.

2. That we hereby express our appreciation of his fidelity to the noble principles of our brotherhood.

3. That we extend to his bereaved parents our hearty sympathies in the loss they sustain in the death of so worthy a son.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the *Palm* for publication; also a copy be sent to his parents.

(Signed),

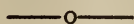
E. N. EVANS,
R. B. BROOKS,
L. B. ROBESON,
Committee.

NECROLOGY.

Alfred Marshall (Va. Alpha).	W. M. Reed (Tenn. Iota).
J. C. J. Clay (Va. Beta).	Samuel Hill (Tenn. Gamma).
T. W. Bond (Ky. Omicron).	E. G. McClanahan (Tenn. Theta).
Stephen Ranney (Ky. Mu).	E. D. Wooley (N. C. Xi).
J. L. Brower (N. C. Xi).	Vernon Via (Va. Delta).
J. W. Whitfield (Ky. Omicron).	Frank W. Walker (Va. Alpha).
W. K. Smith (Ky. Mu).	W. T. Burdett (Va. Delta).
J. A. Shaw (N. C. Xi).	T. C. Lumpkin (Tenn. Lambda).
Saunders Irby (Va. Delta).	T. B. Edmiston (W. Va. Zeta).
T. G. Ivie (Tenn. Iota).	A. O. Battle (Tenn. Lambda).
J. G. Blackmon (N. C. Xi).	D. C. McKay (Ky. Mu).
B. A. Gray (Va. Delta).	J. C. Kinckle (Va. Beta).
T. W. Currin (Tenn. Iota).	J. R. McD. Irby (Va. Delta).
W. S. Stephens (Tenn. Lambda).	J. A. Crichton (Va. Alpha).
D. T. Bridgforth (Ky. Mu).	E. C. Mix (Va. Epsilon).
Walter T. Jones (— Alpha-Delta).	E. D. Campbell (Va. Beta).
John. M. Armstrong (Va. Epsilon).	W. B. Seawell, Jr. (Ky. Mu).
George Watson (Va. Alpha).	B. F. Atkinson (Ala. A. E.).
C. A. Ellett (Va. Alpha).	John T. Malone (Ga. Alpha-Beta).
T. P. Crawford (Va. Rho).	Adrian Fleming (N. C. Xi).
George C. Humes (Va. Delta).	John C. Janney (Va. Epsilon).
R. C. Ballentine (Va. Delta).	Gilbert D. Wilkinson (Va. Delta).
P. H. Lightfoot (Va. Alpha).	P. H. Clarke (Va. Delta).
W. A. Langhorne (Va. Alpha).	W. T. Brock (Tenn. Lambda).
T. H. Bridgforth (Ky. Mu).	Jos. D. Addison (Va. Phi).
A. Strachan Jones (Va. Beta).	W. Arthur Allen (Ky. Mu).
Isaac Paul (Va. Eta).	R. P. Williamson (Ga. Alpha-Theta).
Rufus E. Murrow (Ga. Alpha-Zeta).	Wm. Thos. Locke (Oreg. Alpha-Sigma).

NOTE.—The members whose names are found in the above list have been reported to our WORTHY GRAND KEEPER OF ANNALS as *deceased*; but the particulars as to the *time, place or cause* of death are known in the case of only a *few* of them. Members and others who possess such information, or who know of *other* cases of death among the members of the ALPHA TAU OMEGA FRATERNITY are earnestly requested to correspond with the Editors of this Journal—to the end that we may add to our other Annals a *full and accurate register of our Dead*.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.



GREEK NEWS.

—*Sigma Alpha Epsilon* has a new constitution and is preparing a new ritual.

—*The Zeta Psi* monthly has become a quarterly under new management.

—A new chapter of *Sigma Chi* has been established at the University of Pennsylvania.

—Only six men of Bourdoin College have not become members of Fraternities.

—*Delta Tau Delta* and *Phi Gamma Delta* now prohibit honorary membership.

—It is claimed that *Kappa Alpha* has an authentic history reaching back over 59 years.

—The suppression of the *Sigma Chi* Chapter at Ohio Wesleyan University by the faculty is reported in the Scroll.

—*Chi Phi* has established chapters at Ohio State University, Stevens' Institute and Vanderbilt and lost its chapter at K. M. I.

—*Alpha Delta Phi* is over 52 years old, and has had a steady prosperous growth from the beginning.

—If rumor can be trusted, *Sigma Chi* has a chapter existing sub-rosa at Washington and Jefferson College.

—*Phi Delta Theta* had at one time two chapters in the same college—the Miami University.

—The following Fraternities have chapters at the University of Texas: *Phi Gamma Delta*, *Kappa Alpha* and *Phi Delta Theta*.

—The parent chapter of *Delta Upsilon* was at Williams College. It was killed by the war. It is now to be revived, beginning with 8 men and under powerful Alumni influence.

—Mr. W. R. Baird suggests that the managing Editor of his Fraternity Journal be given a salary. The duties of the position are onerous enough to demand it.

—President Eliot, of Harvard, was lately elected President of the *Phi Beta Kappa* Senate.

—The publication of the Journal of *Theta Delta Chi*, which is soon to appear, will be in the hands of the Tufts College Chapter.

—*Phi Kappa Psi* has a Standing Committee on Necrology, whose duty it is to keep an accurate record of all deaths of its members.

—A chapter of *Phi Delta Theta* has lately been placed at Union College. *Chi Phi* claims to have refused the application which was afterwards received by *Phi Delta Theta*.

—In the past there has been three Societies known by the name of *Chi Phi*. The first was established in 1857, the second in 1858, the last in 1880. All were united in 1874. So says *Phi Gamma Delta*.

—*Delta Kappa Epsilon* requires her chapters to subscribe for a large number of her Quarterly, which they distribute among the Alumni. If the Alumni won't subscribe, the Chapter makes them a present of the Journal. We have this from the *Record*.

—From *Delta Kappa Epsilon* we learn that oldest among College Fraternities is *Phi Beta Kappa*. Little is known as to when and in what form it was first organized. It is certain that it was founded in William and Mary College by Thomas Jefferson some time in 1776.

—At the thirty-seventh Annual Convention of *Zeta Psi*, held in New York city, under the auspices of their Rutgers College Chapter, on January 3d and 4th, it was determined to make the Constitution open.

—*The Scroll* proposes that each Alumnus of *Phi Delta Theta* make a contribution of from \$5 to \$10 for the creation of a fund for extension purposes.

—The chapters of *Delta Tau Delta*, *Kappa Kappa Gamma* and *Alpha Tau Omega* at Adrian College, will publish an Annual at the close of this scholastic year.

—The following Fraternity Journals name subscriptions from non-members: *The Beta Theta Pi*, *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record*, *Crescent of Delta Tau Delta*, *Golden Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma*, *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* and *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*.

—Wofford College, Erskine College, South Carolina College, and Furman University, all of South Carolina, have Greek Letter Fraternities.

—*Beta Theta Pi* reports that Theta Delta Chi seems to be in a very bad condition with the exception of the chapters at Dartmouth and Hamilton. The chapter at Lafayette is slowly dying as are the chapters at C. C., N. Y., and Columbia.

—We take the following from *The Shield*:

"A number of Beta Theta Pi alumni, including Hon. John Reily Knox, one of the founders of the Order, have contracted for nineteen acres of land at \$150 per acre, upon the banks of Chautauqua Lake at the northern part, opposite Mayville, for the purpose of establishing a summer resort known as 'Woglin on Chautauqua.' It is proposed to form a joint stock company to be incorporated with a capital of \$25,000, and shares to be sold for \$50. A club house is to be erected and satisfactory board guaranteed at \$6 per week—the company to be composed of alumni members of good character and standing and such persons only."

OUR EXCHANGES.

We are sorry not to have received more of our exchanges. Indeed, some of them we have not had for a long time. We are most particular in mailing the *Palm* promptly to all of our friends, and are greatly disappointed when we do not have the pleasure and benefit which they always afford in return. We have to note the absence of "The Star and Crescent" of Alpha Delta Phi; "The Delta Kappa Epsilon," Quarterly; "The Zeta Psi," Quarterly; and "The Sigma Chi."

The Beta Theta Pi—This excellent journal, always suggestive and interesting, seems to grow better all the time. We think, with some others, it gives a little too much prominence to the literary feature, but its spicy editorials cover a multitude of faults. We always get *ideas* from them. Notably is this true of the last two numbers. On questions of Fraternity policy and effort "Beta Theta Pi" is a wise counsellor, and its candor in regard to the true condition of its weak chapters is most commendable.

We observe of late an absence of Greek news, which we do not exactly understand, but such articles as "Fraternity Studies" show a profound insight and comprehensive grasp of the whole subject of Fraternity life. Probably no Greek could write such articles except the well-informed and gifted Baird. On all Fraternity matters he seems perfectly at home. When it touches the Exchange Department, which it does not always do, it is thorough and discriminating. We could wish it never overlooked this important feature.

The Chi Phi Quarterly—Mr. Meyer wears gracefully and ably the editorial mantle, which has lately fallen upon him. The last number, however, does not devote much space to editorials, and his labors upon it must have been easy. The communicated pieces are remarkably good and to the point. We will give one of them in full under another head. The review of "American College Fraternities" is thorough and severe. We don't agree with all the strictures made, for whilst recognizing there must be mistakes and inaccuracies in such a book, we would also remember it was a very difficult undertaking. In our own case we were consulted as to the accuracy of our data, &c. We suppose that every other Fraternity was treated with like courtesy and fairness. The chapter letters are dignified in tone and models of their kind. The Greek news is given with unusual fullness for this journal.

The Shield (Phi Kappa Psi)—This favorite journal is continually changing its appearance. We can't judge of its character, however, by this outside variation. In tone no journal is more

consistent and honorable. Maybe we have always been a little partial to the "Shield," on account of our love and respect for one of its old founders, Dr. Smith, now of Wittenberg College. An examination, however, of late numbers will prove it has a right to stand upon its own merits as far as high character is concerned. The series of articles on "Introspection" are thoughtful, and helpful to all Greeks. It would seem, however, to go upon the principle of quality, not quantity, for there is a poverty as to the variety and extent of its contents. It gives but little attention to matters outside of its own fold. In this respect we think it makes a serious mistake.

The Scroll (Phi Delta Theta)—March and April come as one number, and it is a first-rate one at that. This live organ is greatly improved in appearance. In contents it holds its own well, and this is saying a great deal, for it has always been foremost in the matter of enterprise and ability. The new catalogue must be a thing of great beauty, judging from the complimentary comments which are published in this number. There are always so many Chapter Letters to be cared for, but little space is left for anything else; yet this little space is well utilized. The "Other Fraternities" is very full and most interesting. In this matter the "Scroll" always sets us a good example. To broaden our own Fraternity in its information and sympathy, we must let it know what is going on in the Greek world outside of our "little self." Upon the question of evidence, it is rather fatal to Chi Phi's claim of antiquity.

The Record (Sigma Alpha Epsilon)—We felt a little solicitous about the "Record" when Major Young gave up the editorship, but all apprehensions are gone. The number of this worthy journal which is now to hand is quite up to its old and high standard. There must be a good deal of "go" in the Grand Chapter. We have long ago found out that Sewanee material is about the very best *stuff* of which to make Greeks. Here again we notice a fulness of Greek news which is gratifying. The chapters, too, make a good showing in their Letter Department.

The article on a "Monthly Journal" may be read with great profit by us all, but we are not so satisfied that a monthly is preferable to a quarterly. We would advise our good friends to look long before they leap. With a single exception, we do not think the monthlies compare with the bi-monthlies and quarterlies in fraternity and fulness of matter. Nor has it been our experience that Fraternities with monthlies grow any faster than others. Whilst the article "The Future of American Fraternities" contains a grand thought, we do not believe it will ever be realized. Indeed, it may be better for it not to be, as far as the energy and purity of Fraternity life are concerned. We wish the Grand Chapter abundant success in its editorial labors.

The Crescent (Alpha Tau Delta)—The March Number opens with a long and classic poem. The sentiment is good whatever may be said of the poetry. We can say *amen* to the last line, "Live for a purpose—live for Heaven." The Division Conferences of Delta Tau Delta seems to be doing a good work. The chapter letters are scarcely up to the usual standard, either in number or information. We speak feelingly on this subject, because we long to see an improvement in the style of chapter letters, and it is a case, too, in which judgment should begin at home. We greatly admire the pluck and energy of Delta Tau Delta. We watch her career with much interest. We wish this number of her journal were fuller in every way and indicated more of the old spirit. We remember when no journal gave so much Greek news. In this number there is none. Why is this?

Phi Gamma Delta—We wish our good friend would change its shape and size. It is so hard to handle. And then it has too much that is good inside to give so much trouble before you can get at it. By means of one or two heavy weights we can manage to get Phi Gamma Delta straightened out. This first step is absolutely necessary to any succeeding comfort in the matter of reading.

We are always sure of getting a piece from Phi Gamma Delta for our "Voice of the Greek Press." And we are never disap-

pointed. The only trouble this time is we want to take two or three. We are immensely taken with the article, "What it takes to make a Fraternity." It is good enough, however, to keep. In the quality of good, earnest reading matter, Phi Gamma Delta has a high place in the world of Fraternity journalism, in our estimation. Let it beware of the literary snare. Keep on hammering at practical suggestions for the Greek world proper. The magazines give us all the literature we can read or need. Let us make the Greek world purer, better and more zealous and we shall be accomplishing our lawful work. In this aspect Phi Gamma Delta is always helpful and always welcomed.

The Sigma Nu Delta.—This journal is fairly making good its promise of a useful life. The chapter letters are full and satisfactory. The first article is rather too long and takes up too much of the space of this number. Our experience has been that short pieces are more appreciated. Might it not be well to give more Greek news? We trust this earnest organ may be well supported and go on to greater and greater excellency in every succeeding number.

The Kappa Alpha Magazine.—The first number of this journal we have had the pleasure of seeing is before us now in No. 3. It is in order, and we do it with a hearty good will, to say "we are glad to see you." We shall be but too happy to welcome you always to our editorial table. Twenty-two chapters are given in the Directory, of which fifteen have letters in this number. This is a good beginning. The chapters are well located and there is no reason why this worthy Fraternity should not go on to greater victories. We would like to see the union effected between the Northern and Southern branches of this Fraternity. We are led to express this wish by the third article in the number.

The Delta Upsilon Quarterly.—We make our second bow to new friends. The first number of the "Delta Upsilon Quarterly" we have been favored with comes to us in No. 1, vol. 2. We are sorry to have been missing the good things of the first volume, for we are sure from this number that there were good

things in it. It was scarcely necessary for us to be reminded that this journalistic venture of "Delta Upsilon" was not its first assay. It at once takes its place alongside the very best of our journals and shows in its general contents that no new hand is hold of its editorial pen. There are eighteen chapters of this Fraternity located at the best colleges in the East and West. It has a strong and influential backing of Alumni, and already a history of which it might well be proud. The wonder is it has not before this made its influence more widely felt by the use of so important an agency as a well sustained journal.

We are much interested in the accounts of the Madison, Michigan and Brown Chapters. Its last convention, being the forty-eighth, met at Manilla and transacted important work. It refused six or seven applications for charters, appointed a committee to take in charge Pan-Hellenic matters, started the "Quarterly," and had reports favorable to the early appearance of its Song Book. It also located a central office in New York city and made more efficient its Executive Council. One of the best features of this good number is the reports of Alumni Association work. The Amherst Alumni Association and the New England Association are most encouragingly heard from and show what a strong backing Delta Upsilon has.

We doubt not, as we most earnestly hope, that the "Delta Upsilon Quarterly" will be a great gain to the Fraternity press, and an important factor in the sum of future transactions of the Greek world.

THE VOICE OF THE GREEK PRESS.

A Few Questions for Consideration.

[From the Chi Phi Quarterly.]

Why cannot a *protective system* against unforeseen misfortunes be introduced into our Fraternity?

Why is it that Chi Phis, endeared to one another by the strongest ties, are so often driven to Masonry for just this protection?

In answer to the first of these questions, certainly there can be no objection drawn from the "aims and objects" of our Fraternity. Neither can an objection be drawn from precedent. It may be truly said that the whole spirit of the question is embraced in some of its rites, but there is no special provision to meet such cases. The need of such a provision is felt and recognized by every one who is absent from his chapter. It would not only excite an interest in those who have gone out from us, and yield many of them valuable aid, but also lend an additional charm to those entering. We will mention but one other benefit; it will beget a new interest in our "Quarterly" on the part of our non-active members.

To meet such a demand of course there must be a special fund. There are many ways in which this fund may be raised. A levy of a dollar per year, we feel, would be cheerfully paid by every non-active member from his love for the Fraternity and the protection which she offers.

Our second question shows us a felt need, which not only drives our loved ones from us, but does so to the detriment of the Fraternity which they have sworn to uphold until separated from her by death.

Why should Masonry have that which belongs to Chi Phi? She does but steal our birthright? Surely she is no better, no nobler, no grander. Shall we not, then, with one heart combine our energies and add this new star to our now already sparkling diadem?

IS IT A FETICH?

[From Phi Gamma Delta.]

Is the Fraternity a mere fetich, and is there need of some distinguished alumni to assail it with unpleasant words? And do we show it our regard, give it our enthusiasm, pour out before it our adoration in the same blind, fruitless way in which the degraded African savage worships his stock and stone? Or have we indeed found in it a sentiment worthy of admiration, but after all a mere sentiment and unworthy of attention in these days when practical tendencies are so much sought, and when the refining and spiritualizing influence of much that is not immediately reducible to dollars and cents is so often and persistently decried? Have we, like moths around a lighted candle, been captured by

the brilliant setting in a Fraternity badge, or by a row of pearls adorning a golden border? Have we longed for that position in college and society which these ornaments often give? And with thoughts no longer than these have we joined the Greek society? Has the Greek society taken us, having in our breasts no nobler purposes than these? Then we are under the gloomy, debasing influences of feticism and the Fraternity which offers us nothing but that which we seek is a fetich only the more dangerous because clad in handsome apparel.

But, dear brother, you have found something far more to be coveted than social position or college standing, if you are noble in nature and guileless in heart. You have felt the inspiration of a common cause; you have had the encouragement of sincere hearts. Your life, as a consequence, has been richer in spiritual power and more successful, even in the eyes of a selfish world. All this good has been given to you through channels so sacred and hidden that you may not be able to explain the workings to the world outside. You know, though, that your life has more of real worth, that your aims are loftier, and that your successes have a truer ring, than had been but for this communion within the hall of the Fraternity. Is this sentiment a new fetich? Ask the men who have had such experience. You will find that, as the heavens are high above the earth, there are influences far transcending mere practical tendencies, molding and guiding them at will. So, no matter how the unknowing one may endeavor to demolish the shrine and refuse to worship at its altars, *we* know what spring from its sacred enclosure of true help and development. The fault-finder in Greek acknowledged he had forgotten his alphabet. Do you count sentiment nothing? You have never even learned to spell in sacred language.

We, who believe in the spirit of the Fraternity, claim for it, however, more than sentiment. We look back through our college life and see much practical service it has rendered. Here was a brother whose feet were slipping slowly from the paths of virtue—the Fraternity saved him; here was a brother, dispirited and heart-sore—the Fraternity encouraged and comforted him. And thus, year by year, souls have been kept from perdition and life-failures have been prevented by this power, which, usually working unseen, has been thought heedless and inactive. Has any Fraternity failed to give its members this needed help? Then it has failed in its mission and is worshipping a fetich, one most debasing, and opposing principles utterly selfish to the divine “Love thy neighbor as thyself.”

AN INTROSPECTION.

[From the Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.]

The custom among Greek letter societies, it might safely be said, is to hold conventions annually, and whatever changes there may be from any different intervals is in the direction of the more frequent assembling.

For a long period Phi Kappa Psi met in Grand Arch Council but once in three years, although it had long appeared to those best versed in Fraternity matters a serious error. The recent change to two years as the interval has met everywhere with approval, if we mistake not, and there is a strong feeling in some sections that a further lessening of the time to one year would be for benefit.

It is not to be taken for granted that the latter are right, and the more conservative Phi Psi's wrong. To the support of the argument that annual conventions are the more profitable is strongly urged the usage of other Fraternities. To some this may seem of no weight whatever, they being of the persuasion that Phi Kappa Psi has no need to be influenced in her attitude toward any question of policy by the customs of other societies, yet to us it appears as the strongest to be urged.

The nature of the associations of Fraternities predetermines the force of the truth that every question of policy in any single one of them is to be viewed in the light of its possible effect upon the relative standing with its rivals. Every element of progress in methods of government, whether centralizing or diffusive, is to be considered as advancing the standing of the Fraternity incorporating it to the loss of position by one or more of its rivals.

So considering this question, who can doubt the force of this presumably strongest argument when it is seen that all of the rivals whom we meet most frequently and whom we are therefore to take into account most in our plans and purposes, assemble in convention after the more frequent interval? The only other argument offered that seems to us worth present consideration is one which appears the most valid, though we think second consideration will compel it to yield to the one above mentioned.

The *esprit de corps* of any organization depends in large measure upon the associations of its members, and this is particularly true of Greek letter societies whose membership is largely made up of young men, in whom tastes and prejudices unformed are rapidly taking upon themselves shape.

We began this series of editorials with the statement that a college man's Fraternity life usually ended with his graduation, and expressed the opinion that there was no valid reason why it should be so. We shall here mention what may seem a denial of that introductory assertion, when we offer as the cause of dying interest the infrequency of our conventions and the small tendance thereat. To a Fraternity with a total membership of more than four thousand and an enrollment of over four hundred active brothers, a convention of one hundred and fifty is not especially creditable, and of these there are seldom over seventy present as delegates.

During his college course a Phi Psi will have just two opportunities to attend a general convention, and when we consider that few can go beside the delegates, the chances of the average member to meet the representatives of the Fraternity from all societies are very small indeed. We deem it very important that Phi Kappa Psi's should know more of their Fraternity than they can see in their own chapters, and had we the power we would make associations of distant brothers very frequent. Let a man know nothing of his Fraternity more than he can get in one chapter, and by natural processes his interest in his Fraternity cannot outlive a separation of more than four years perhaps. In that time the youngest man in the chapter has graduated, and it is not probable that his associations with his chapter have been such as to bring him very close to the members of succeeding classes, if indeed he meets them at all.

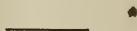
Fraternity journals are to be to such an one the means of arresting his decaying love and enthusiasm, but of how much value can a commentary upon a subject be to a man who knows nothing of it? His own chapter has grown out of his remembrance, and he knows no other; of what value will chapter letters be to him? He knows nothing of his own Fraternity; is it likely he will be intelligent and inquiring as regards others? We restrict him almost to the personals, of which very few will be of interest.

Annual conventions have this then in their favor, that they broaden a Fraternity man's outlook and keep alive his interest; what else do they offer? Legislation is supposed to be the chief cause of the assembling of a convention, but we incline to think that with a judiciously chosen Board of Control, made up of Alumni and active members, there can be no need of annual gatherings for legislative purposes.

The chief value of an annual convention then is social, and it is apt to be of more importance in that respect than any informal gatherings, no matter how attractive the place or time at which

the latter is held. Chautauqua drew Phi Psi's but three years, and that only by dint of persistent notice and invitation. Beta Theta Pi has a large project on foot for the same locality, and we shall look with much interest to see with what success it meets.

We stand by biennial conventions for law-making purposes, if annual gatherings can be so devised as to bring together a representative body of Phi Psi's, and if more frequent assemblings by States and informal minglings one with another by chapters can be organized and perpetuated. If these latter cannot be made successful, sound policy demands annual conventions.



RELIGION AND SECRET SOCIETIES.

[From the Beta Theta Pi.]

The proper attitude of secret societies toward religion is a subject of the utmost importance to the entire Fraternity world. Every society worthy of existence in the nineteenth century should, in its choice of candidates, exercise a strict regard for pure morality, while making no demands inconsistent with that mental freedom which permits every man to entertain the convictions of his own reason, and live in accordance with the dictates of his own conscience. None will deny that a candidate's religious views should be made one criterion of his desirability; yet, all will admit that the use of this criterion must not be extended beyond a reasonable limit. To what extent shall a man's religious beliefs be questioned by the society he desires to enter? What degree of freedom in religious belief may be conceded to a would-be member consistently with the welfare of the chapter or the Fraternity in general? To answer these questions satisfactorily demands serious thought, and a strict regard for those moral principles upon which a worthy society must be founded.

First let us ask in what does religion consist? Probably, out of a hundred persons no two would return the same answer. All would doubtless agree that *morality* constitutes *one* part of religion; but, as to what completes the definition, there would be as many opinions as persons. Butler says, in his "Analogy," Part II, chapter 1, par. 5, that Christianity should be considered, first, "As a republication and external institution of *natural or essential* religion, adapted to the present circumstances of mankind, and intended to promote *natural piety* and *virtue* ; and, secondly,

as containing an account of a dispensation of things *not discoverable by reason.*" He says that "*natural religion* is the *foundation and principal part* of Christianity," but "not in any sense the *whole* of it."

Now, it is evident that the moral welfare of a society is dependent, not upon the *faith*, but the *works* of its members; for good conduct may arise from various motives. While a society has the undisputed right to regulate for its own good the actions of its members, it has no just claim to a surveillance of their private faith. It is sufficient evidence that a man entertains the necessary religious beliefs if he evinces, by his conduct, a moral character. As to what constitutes moral character, there can be little or no dispute. Morality is the science of social life, teaching the relation of man to his fellows; and we have the whole sum of the experience of past ages from which to draw our conclusions. All religions, all philosophies of the past have labored for the promotion of this science; and, although they were unable to remove it wholly from the domain of superstition, the light of the present age enables us to separate the wheat of truth from the chaff of error. Natural religion, or pure morality, which Butler, a highly accredited exponent of Christianity, claims to be the "foundation and principal part" of that system, is based upon universal experience and its doctrines are demonstrable by reason. Hence we see that the moral phase of religion is an entirely practicable—and all admit that it is an eminently necessary—criterion of a candidate's desirability and worth.

As to the extra-rational side of religion, belief in its doctrines can never be made of universal application as a criterion of personal worth. Since its doctrines are, as Butler says, "not discoverable by reason," belief in them must necessarily partake of the character of faith, and be altogether too intangible for any practical test. Genuine belief is a matter of conviction, conviction is a matter of evidence; and the evidence for the extra-rational element in religion is of such a nature that the absence of a saving grace precludes its complete acceptance by many minds. The fallible character of all human testimony must forever preclude the hope of obtaining absolutely correct knowledge of truths which lie without the pale of reason. In the realm of the undiscoverable, all evidence is of merely relative value. Among the numerous tenets of the various churches we find some generally accepted, others generally disputed; while from the Roman Catholic to the Unitarian no doctrine rests upon authority of such force as to render it credible to them all. The best of evidence

for any one of these various doctrines is not more than what Butler terms "probable"; and while such evidence is fully adequate to all purposes of faith, it is not of that definite nature which alone can render a doctrine universally credible, and give a widely-extended society the right to demand its acceptance by either candidate or member.

To illustrate the difference between the requirements of natural and those of revealed religion, let us examine some of the moral precepts of Jesus, as found in the New Testament. To the young man who inquired in regard to necessary religious duties (Matthew xix, 16-21) the teacher of Nazareth replied: "Thou shalt do no murder, thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness, honor thy father and thy mother, and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself;" and added, that to attain *perfection* he needed only to sell his goods and give to the poor. Every one of these precepts is universally accepted as necessary to the highest state of morality, for they are all in accordance with the universal experience of mankind, and their practical application to every-day life can be demonstrated by reason.

On the other hand, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Incarnation, and the consequent Divinity of Christ, the Fall, the Vicarious Atonement, and Salvation by Faith, are wholly beyond the scope of human reason; and, however praiseworthy that faith which renders them tenable, it is evident that belief in them must not be demanded of its members by any society not specially organized for their promulgation; for that belief has no necessary relation to the acceptance and practice of the simply *moral* element of religion, which alone concerns the welfare of the secular society. Belief in the doctrine just mentioned is urged as necessary, not to *present*, but to *future* welfare. Pure morals and honest living are consistent even with infidelity, for experience has taught man that to be good is to be happy; that sin brings its own punishment, virtue its own reward. As far as present welfare is concerned, natural religion and Christianity are identical; hence it is plain that the purely moral phase of Christianity must be embraced by every society worthy of existence; while it is equally evident that more than this cannot be demanded from candidate or member, without requiring a surrender of the right of private judgment and personal freedom.

It is well known that many churches and many Christians are bitterly opposed to secret societies, some good people even going so far as to assert that they are allied with the powers of dark-

ness, and that Satan is their patron saint. The chief cause of suspicion and ground for complaint appears to be that nearly all of these societies do not formally declare their acceptance of Christian doctrines, nor specifically ally themselves with the Christian church. In December last there was held in Baltimore a convention of the "Christian Anti-Secret Society League." President Blanchard, of an Illinois college, delivered an address, and resolutions were adopted denouncing all secret societies; declaring in particular that the masonic lodge teaches a corruptive morality subversive of both the Christian religion and free institutions and that the Grand Army of the Republic is a dangerous and insidious form of a secret organization. Those who know the nature of the organizations mentioned can appreciate the injustice of these charges. The misconception (for it is but charitable to call it that) on the part of these good people evidently arises from lack of appreciation of the fact we have been striving to demonstrate: *i. e.*, that there are two distinct phases of religion—the natural and the supernatural; and that the acceptance of only the *one* does not at all imply a rejection of the *other*. If the purpose of a secret society is fully subserved by embracing the one and maintaining a strict neutrality toward the other, the church has certainly no cause for complaint. The one is accepted as necessary to the very existence of a society, while the other, especially in the case of college fraternities, must be productive of not only no temporal good, but much embarrassment and confusion. A college fraternity, drawing its material chiefly from sectarian colleges, whose students differ widely in their attitude toward the supernatural elements of religion, must abandon all attempt at harmony of belief in any doctrines save those discoverable and demonstrable by reason and experience; especially when it is universally admitted that *only* those doctrines so demonstrable are necessary to the moral welfare and stability of a secular society. Hence it is evident that a worthy secret society must embrace, as essential to its well being, the purely moral or natural phase of religion, resting upon universally accepted truths; while it should maintain a strict neutrality toward the supernatural or extra-rational element, both for the reason that the latter is unnecessary to its purpose, and because the great diversity of opinion in regard to its various doctrines renders utterly impossible its universal application.

AN UNANSWERED QUESTION.

[From The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.]

"What is your notion, Joe, now, five years after we have graduated, about the Fraternity feeling we used to hold so strongly?" said I to my old friend, Joe D——, one evening when we were seated by a smouldering fire in my room.

Joe had been the most intimate friend of college days, although we attended different institutions, and were never members of the same chapter. Our colleges were not far apart, however, and our meetings had been frequent after the beginning of our acquaintance, which was some time in the Freshman year. We were drawn together, perhaps, by what one of the boys used to call "affinity of spirit."

We were contemporary in tastes and feelings. In our Sophomore year we both imitated Macaulay, and in our senior year, Carlyle. We graduated at the same time. Both had been enthusiastic Fraternity workers. Joe, however, had been a member of a chapter that was very unfortunate at times, while mine was always in an excellent condition. Joe's enthusiasm had been characterized by an accompaniment of works to a much greater extent than mine. Many a time had we met in the old days, I to recount some complete rout of our foes, he to tell how his band had held out, brave-hearted, against defeat. In our last year, our enthusiasm, as is usual, had seemed to decline, and after leaving college we had fallen entirely out of the way, as it appeared, of Fraternity work and feeling. Joe went to his home, in Ohio, and I to mine in the West. Our correspondence died a natural death, after a few months. The old ties of Fraternity feeling became gradually less binding. I felt that this was natural. I fell into thinking what I heard the alumni of other Fraternities express: "It may all be very well for a boy in college, but a man grows out of that sort of thing."

One Christmas eve, "the date at which my narrative begins," to use the happy expression of story writers, I met old Joe on an evening train as I was returning home and made him stop over night with me. And by the evening firelight while the snow was softly falling outside,

"We spoke of many a vanished scene,
Of what we once had thought and said,
Of what had been, and might have been,
And who was changed, and who was dead."

We had talked of some ideas which I had stumbled upon, and which I fancied were new. We had compared our readings, our ambitions, and our shortcomings at the end of this long, yet short, five years. We had laughed at the ideas we used to have in regard to a settled "system" of philosophy. We had agreed that things which seemed very certain to us long ago were by no means so certain now. We had been the rounds, both of us, and had come back to our quiet, old homes, with their old-fashioned ideas, for sympathy.

And when I put the question that I have written at the beginning, it was in the half jocular manner of one who laughs at some old folly which he for the moment has raked up out of one of memory's dusty cells. But Joe did not smile as expected, but looked dreamily into the fire, and one experienced in such things would probably have said that his heart had gone far away into the past, in search of something.

"I don't know what my opinion would be," he finally said, "but I do know that I am not now in a position to give an opinion on the question. It has been years since I talked to you about it. When I was in college I was able to talk of its benefits, socially and intellectually, in a very glib way. Somehow or other, I could not do that now, if I were called on. I have taken the Fraternity question out of any nearness to debatable ground, I believe I think too much of it to leave it there."

"Why, I thought you had lost all interest," said I.

"Interest? Well, perhaps so," he said, looking into the firelight again, and pausing.

"I have lost what we used to call interest, I suppose. The boys in the chapter now at C—— know me only as a correspondent member, whom they look up in the catalogue occasionally, in order to ask a contribution. You know I used to work hard. Now I am virtually dead to the active membership. If I were to go back to the old hall I should feel like begging pardon for the intrusion. But, old fellow," and here he leaned toward me, and by the struggling firelight I saw the old boyish look of enthusiasm, bringing with it a thousand recollections, "do you know that the old Fraternity grows higher and nobler to me every year. My Fraternity experience grows richer and richer to me though it be dead to all outward show. How the touch of time has softened even the irregularities of those days into a quiet beauty. And my little allegiance, George, at a time when there was a crisis in our chapter, has become a matter of pride to me. Ah, how noble those comrades of mine, who stood up so bravely

amid the discouragements which hung over our little world, now seem to me. What heroes are some of these boys to me now, and not unworthily. Cannot I now trust him to the uttermost who was faithful there? For have I not tried him, and do I not know that in him there is a rock which the storm cannot shake? There were some, too, as you know, who in the hour of the old chapter's misfortune sold their birthright of honor for the pottage mess of social advancement. I never see one of these to the present day that he does not seem, to me, a man unfit to trust."

He paused, but I knew he had not finished, and partly through surprise, and partly through a desire to hear him out, I remained silent. He seemed to be seeing the days long gone by, in the flickering flames of the dying fire.

"Do you know," he continued, "that I consider the Fraternity experience as indicating the future career of the man? Great men are not more distinguished for greatness of mind than for greatness of heart, and the great hearted man is surely your true Fraternity man. And Fraternity training, I sometimes think, is, in a sense, superior to college training. It cultivates the heart, while the other often cultivates only the mind. I am often inclined to think, with De Quincey, that our understanding is the meanest faculty we have. I can reason it all out that the time I spent in Fraternity work was time almost fooled away. But I cannot reason the old order out of my affections, George, and I think there are some things with which our understanding, or that which we call understanding, should have nothing to do.

"You know, George, for you have been there, what a rare old place that is, of ours, up there among those Ohio hills—the queer old house almost hid back in the grove, and beyond the fields and the creek, a great wood of walnuts and maples. Well, many a calm night, while I sat out in the grove beneath the canopy of stars, have the voices of the boys come to me as if borne on the soft breezes which gently stirred among the trees, and at times I could almost have sworn that I heard that old song, the best of all of them, with Bill Walker's bass coming grandly in on the final strain, just as we sang it at the last meeting before our graduation. And some of the younger boys didn't understand the feelings of us seniors, as they joined in those lines—I hear them yet—

'Though our circle may be broken,
And its members sundered far,
Yet without the outward token,
All our hearts in union are.'

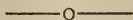
"Well, I live over those scenes, and they become like the best.

poetry, more and more beautiful. Perhaps I have carried some of the boys into the region of the ideal. They have, doubtless, some of them, in reality, lost the charm of their youthful nobility, may have become sordid and conforming. But what matter? Their memory is yet beautiful.

"And this is the old Fraternity, George, of which, after these years, you ask my opinion. I might give an opinion as to my college course, or even my kind old professors, but as to my Fraternity, I believe I am not competent.

And so the question remained unanswered.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.



UNCONSCIOUS INFLUENCE.

In the way of moral precept there may be nothing new under the sun, yet how often must we be reminded of the old ! It has been said that we are given to ignoring our silent individual influence over our fellow-men.

But how many of us carry through all our actions the thought of this, and the self-reform which it suggests. As we advance in life, most of us learn to avoid, as a business precaution, conduct that will injure our reputations ; many, let us hope very many, learn to avoid conduct that will offend our own consciences ; can it be said that one in a thousand of us ever gives a thought to the fault or foible on account of its train of evil influences ? We carelessly drop the little leaven, it is so insignificant ; we let fall the tiny mustard seed, it is nothing ; yet the whole lump is leavened and the great tree becomes the roosting place of the birds of the air. And the most serious fact is, that our measure of meal is unlimited, and the winds and the birds sow the seeds of our tree over boundless fields

A college of young men offers, perhaps, the most favorable of all fields for the operation of this unconscious influence—an assembly of ardent young intellects, whose very business it is to receive, to be impressed, to be influenced—each a plastic soul awaiting and inviting all sorts of impressions, with faith in every thing, not yet having learned by sad experience to demand any passport of the strange incoming thoughts and emotions. Such a community is the natural habitat of the Fraternity idea—that idea which is an unconscious confession of a certain self-distrust and an appeal for influences from a thoroughly sympathetic source. Herein lies the solemn responsibility of every Greek

chapter. It must be doing its work upon its members, and through them upon the college. What is this work? Is it the exciting of noble aspirations? Is it the cultivation of brotherly love and sweet charity? Is it the subjection of all rude and impure passions? If any chapter is doing this work, then it is rightly fulfilling its objects. If it is not, then it behooves each brother to ask why—and if the answer is not found and applied, the chapter had better return its charter and write itself “dead.”

How now, brother Alpha Tau, is it with your chapter? What influence is it exerting; and, above all, what part do you contribute personally to this influence? Let us suppose a group of non-fraternity men discussing the merits of the various Greeks in their college. One says: “These societies are good institutions, for A and B belong to them, and such men would have nothing to do with anything bad.” Another replies: “I know very little about A and B, but the fact that C and D wear club badges settles my opinion; you must excuse me from any crowd in which those fellows are received.” Thus your individual reputation makes or mars that of your Fraternity, gathers to itself all the strength of your chapter and flows in an irresistible current of good influence, or stands like a destructive breaker to oppose the beneficent stream. Keep before you in every act, in every word, even in every thought, your importance in this matter. Herein you cannot be too egotistical, even though you inwardly bring yourself to feel that the honor of your chapter is especially in your keeping, for, however modest your position may be among your fellow-students, it is truly so in the eyes of some whom perhaps you least suspect of having you under observation.

DEFINITE AIMS.

Recurring once more to the subject of “definite aims” for our chapters, here is one worthy of our best united efforts—namely, the purification of our literature. This, too, is a well-worn topic

so far as the denouncing of dime novels and police gazettes is concerned. There is, however, another class of publications even more pernicious than these, and we are not aware that much has been said against them. We can describe the whole species by naming as their type, "Peck's Bad Boy." If the arch corrupter of morals ever put it into the heart of man to prepare and send forth a more debasing batch of printed matter than is bound up in this book, we have never heard of it. We can imagine his satanic majesty smiling with serene complacency when he contemplates the denial of our mails to lottery companies and the prosecution of the senders of "obscene" publications, while "Peck's Bad Boy" drops into the laps of decent people on railway trains, is copied into reputable newspapers and, saddest of all, invades the sanctuary of home.

But why this stir about Peck's Bad Boy? In what does it offend? In this—that it lays the unhallowed hand of the scoffing buffoon upon the holiest human relations; that it is one prolonged sneer at all reverence, especially that tender and beautiful reverence and love which even nature demands from the son toward the father and mother; that it brands all religion as hypocrisy, all conjugal affection as a sham behind which infidelity lurks; that it marks the tradesman as a thief, and raises its shout of merriment over lying and swindling. It does all this, too, in a style insufferably coarse and disgusting, with slang and filthy inuendoes and all the vile brutality of the slums. And this foul book goes into our homes and colleges.

Brethren, have we not here an extremely definite aim—to take up this matter as a Fraternity and see to it that all such books are banished from our colleges and well merited dishonor brought upon their authors, till not even the greed of gold shall bribe men to the shame of writing such transcripts of their own intense vulgarity and baseness.

Reverence is one of the very highest attributes of humanity. It is the essence of true greatness. Whatever a man may accom-

plish whereby he stands among his fellows as one worthy to be called great, is done by virtue of his reverence for something greater than himself. The profound intellect, grasping in some measure the idea of the infinite and all-abounding mystery of everything in heaven and on earth, lays upon the soul a solemn awe and reverence wholly unknown to the shallow scoffer. From our earliest conscious moments we are called upon by nature to exercise this noblest faculty of our souls towards those to whom we owe our existence—father and mother. Let us strike down the sacreligious buffoon who would play his clownish tricks with these sacred names. Let us turn with loathing from the wretch who would associate the name of mother with aught that is not high and noble, and as for father let us remember that God himself has given us no better test of our fitness to address Him than is involved in the reverent utterance of “Our Father.”

CHAPTER ANNALS.

We hope that the article in the last number of the *Palm*, entitled “Chapter Annals,” has been carefully read and will be remembered by every chapter. The history of our Fraternity, when it is ready to be written, must depend upon accurate data. The only way to provide such information is for each chapter to keep a correct roster of its members, as well as a record of the facts in connection with its life. The future value of such roster to the Fraternity is inestimable. We are suffering at this time because so little attention has been paid to the chapter rolls and the residences of brothers. The compilation of a catalogue would be comparatively an easy thing if every chapter had been careful in this particular. As it is, it is almost impossible, certainly it is an effort accompanied with great labor and much delay, to get out an exact, full catalogue. We would think that the trouble that has been had in this matter, and the great inconvenience the

Fraternity has been subjected to for want of such a catalogue would enforce the importance of the subject upon which we are now writing.

We can't remedy the past, but we can avoid past errors in the future. From this time there should be no excuse whatever for a chapter not being able at once to tell all about its members. Let each chapter insist upon such a book being prepared as is suggested in the above-mentioned article. Do not delay. The very first money that is spent let it be for such a book, durably bound, and then see that it is most carefully kept.

What would we give to-day if each chapter had always kept such a book! We do most earnestly beseech each chapter, just as soon as this article is read, to move in this matter and let not the end of the present scholastic year find any without such a record.

ALUMNI LETTERS.

Attention has been called by other Fraternity journals to that feature of the *Palm* known as "Alumni Letters." We desire briefly but urgently to beg the attention of our Alumni to this department. The very informality of these letters add to their attractiveness. We want always to have on hand a number of such informal letters. It is one of the very best ways to keep up the interest of the Alumni in the Fraternity, and also to let our brothers, who far from loving us less, love their early companions more and more as they grow older, know where we are and what we are doing. We think it would be well for the alumni to write regularly to the editor-in-chief, if but a few lines, just saying where they are and how they are. No communications afford more pleasure and prove a greater benefit to the *Palm* and its readers. Won't each brother who sees this write at once a few lines at least? We always feel happy when we have a supply of such letters, and we treasure them up with great care, for we know that in them we have that which will afford the keenest

relish and the intensest satisfaction to our alumni readers, who care not so much for moral articles as for reminiscences of the olden days, and, best of all such information, the very name and words and place of present residence of those they had learned to love so well awhile ago whom they had lost sight for long years. What memories are wakened, and old chords struck when we come across in the *Palm* the living words of some dear old club mate of the days of Auld Lang Syne!

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The correspondent is one of the most important officers in the chapter, and the most important trait for a good correspondent is promptness. Some of the correspondents will not write but for every other number. This is not right. Suppose every correspondent should feel that he has this liberty, sometimes it would happen that no letters would appear, in which case it were better for that issue not to go to press. Remember, business considerations, covenant relations, chapter responsibility are all involved in this failure of duty. It cannot be urged that there is nothing to write about. Surely college views, Fraternity views, chapter views, personals, afford enough material for four letters a year.

We go back of the correspondent and appeal to the chapters to take this *vital* matter in hand. Look after your correspondents and insist upon the duty of the position being discharged, and you will most effectually co-operate with those upon whom you have placed the duty of editing your journal and whom you would justly condemn for a great failure of duty if they should allow a quarter to pass without publishing a No. of the *Palm*.

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With this Number, Vol. IV of the *Palm* begins. We don't purpose to make a salutary, but we do wish to thank all those subscribers who have promptly renewed their subscriptions and to remind all who have not done so, that now is the time to attend to this matter. We don't like to even mention money in the *Palm*, but you all know that money is necessary to its successful maintenance. Don't put off, then, sending in your subscription. The sooner it comes the better for the *Palm* and the better for you. We would again remind the chapters that by resolution Congress requires every active member to be a subscriber and makes it the duty of the chapter to carry out this provision.

At the next meeting of the chapters let the roll be called and the question asked if this resolution has been complied with. Besides, is it asking too much of our chapters to request them to try and interest their alumni in the *Palm*? It would be time and work well spent for the Fraternity if each chapter would write its alumni asking their subscription.

And we appeal in this general way to all of our alumni to uphold our hands. Many of our subscribers now are from the alumni. We doubt not there would be many more if the matter were brought to their attention.

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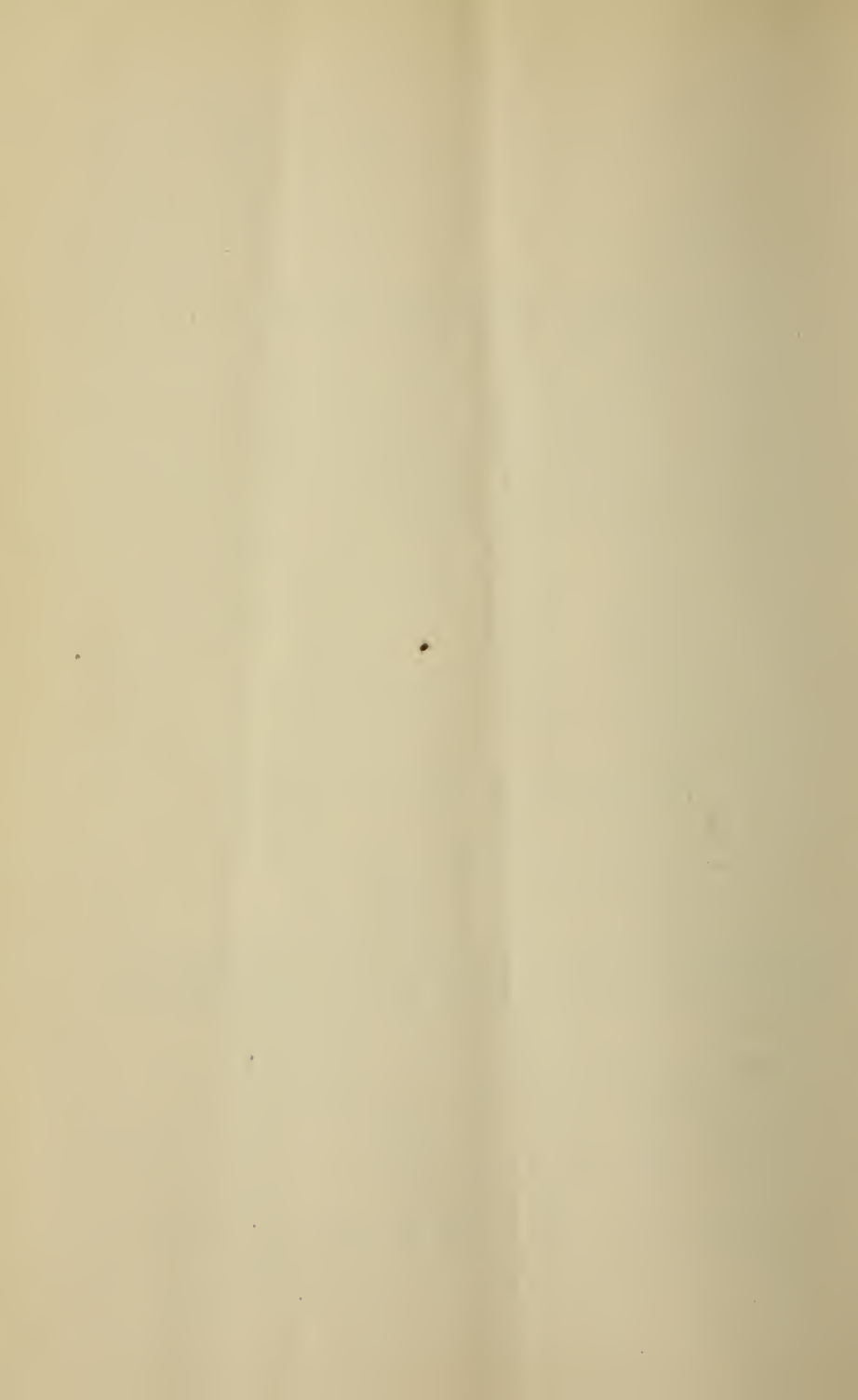
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A REMINISCENCE.

Holding the *Palm* in our hand, with one elbow resting on the table, and with "Pickwick" and "Gibbon" on one side, and "Greenleaf" and "Stephen" on the other side, and looking from my window upon the beautiful panorama of valley, forest, and mountain, I fall into a kind of reverie. I recall to mind the 16th of October, 1880, when Bro. Radney carried me down a dark street, near the lower end of which he elbowed me up-stairs and into a rear apartment, where I was made a member of that noble Order which now sheds its beneficent influence from one end of this wide continent to the other. How many pleasant scenes arise out of the mists of the past! But, alas! I see also the dark shadow of death, as memory brings up the sad mourning that laments the loss of noble John T. Malone.

Happy days those, when we used to meet every Saturday night and listen to the suggestions of Malone (who was a kind of Nestor to our band), and to the disinterested counsel of the generous Radney. We also had Rev. Dr. Campbell with us occasionally; and "this was the noblest Roman of them all." To crown our happiness, there was always present "Old Pit," a fellow of infinite jest and most excellent fancy, whose "jibes and gambols were wont to set the table in a roar." I will say, from experience, that nothing so completely supplies the place of

home affections and home influences, to a boy at college, as being a member of a secret society. I verily believe that Alpha Tau Omega has been, and to-day is, to many a college boy, a beacon light, as it were, to keep him off the shoals and quicksands of vice and crime!

But to return to Georgia A. B. Our chapter, in her infancy, was compelled to labor under the disadvantages incident to new chapters. Her struggles were hard and she was "storm-tossed," so that she might have exclaimed, with Æneas, while the winds of Arobus were scattering his fleet over the Tuscan sea, "*Hic honos pictatis.*" But Neptune has brought back the sun, and there is not a ripple on the surface now. Alpha Tau Omega, we hope and trust, has overleaped every obstacle, and, Heaven grant, that her bark may never strand. May Alpha Taus South, North—everywhere, shine out as stars of the first magnitude in the grand constellation of America's best and wisest sons! L.

Walter H. Little

IS IT RIGHT?

Is what right? Is it right for an Alpha Tau to try to have admitted into our Fraternity a person to whom he knows a brother Alpha Tau objects? Is it right for one chapter to admit a person another chapter has refused?

A short time after I became a member of the Fraternity, a brother who had previously been a student at the school I was then attending, came on a short visit to us, and during that visit he and I held a conversation concerning the prospects of our chapter and the material we had in school. In speaking of a person for whom he had always been a strong advocate, he said, "I know he can never get in this chapter here. I have tried time and again to get the boys to take him in, and they won't do it. But next year he is coming over to ——" (mentioning the college he was then attending), "and I believe I can get him into

our chapter there. I am going to do my best, and I believe the boys will take him in."

Is that the kind of language for an Alpha Tau to use? Do we want any one in our Fraternity whom we *all* cannot look upon as a brother? I say we do not, and I have no doubt that the Fraternity, as a whole, will agree with me; but the brother whose words I have quoted (and for whom I have the greatest respect) would, it seems, say, Yes; and he is not the only one who says so, or else this had not been written. It seems that some of our chapters join him in his answer most heartily; and I mention the following instances to show why I think so:

The first is that of a person who attended school at —, say A, and while there some members of the — chapter desired to take him in; but, finding out that others of the members objected to him, they never proposed him at any meeting of the chapter, as they knew he would certainly be blackballed. After leaving A, he went to another college, say B—, and was at once taken in by our chapter there. Does not that say yes to my questions? They could not plead ignorance, for members of the chapter at B had been at school with this person at A. The mere fact that he had not been taken in at A, ought to have been sufficient evidence to those at B that he was not a desirable person.

Another instance is that of a person who had been attending a certain school three years, and who had, just before leaving, been unanimously blackballed by our chapter. Our men had had three years in which to judge his character, and it seems that their decision should have been entitled to some respect. He afterwards went to another school, and was, in a short time, a member of our chapter there. Does not that say yes to my question? It seems to me that the chapter which admitted him flatly insulted the one that blackballed him. Probably they would say, "O! if we had known he had been blackballed, we would not have taken him in." Was it not their duty to know? Ignorance would be a poor excuse, indeed, when it would have been so easy to find

out all about him. A few lines of inquiry, addressed to some member of the chapter at the school he had formerly attended, would have soon brought the opinion of those who had associated with him long enough to know what he was. But even that ought not to have been necessary. If he had been worthy the honor of wearing the Maltese Cross, the chapter at the school he first attended would have conferred that honor upon him. That it did not, was proof that he was unworthy and ought to have caused his rejection. Do you suppose the men who blackballed him, can have the same regard for him they have for the other brothers? I do not.

I could mention other instances of this kind, but it is unnecessary. Some five or six cases have come under my observation, and, in my opinion, that is some half-dozen more than should have ever occurred. I think an Alpha Tau does his brothers a great wrong when he votes for a person to whom he knows any one in the Fraternity objects. We are a fraternity of brothers, and want none whom we all cannot look upon as a brother. However greatly I might personally desire to have any one become a member of our Fraternity, I should vote to blackball him if I knew a *single brother* objected to him.

IV.

JUST A WORD.

Not long since, a letter appeared in the *Palm*, asking the High Council to make some law which would prevent aliens being initiated by one chapter after a sister chapter had failed to initiate them during their attendance at some other college.

After hearing the circumstances which gave rise to this letter, I can hardly blame the writer for feeling outraged in that particular case, but his remedy is surely much worse than the disease. Many reasons might be given for opposing his suggestion. A man might improve wonderfully after leaving the first institution; he might be congenial with the men at the second institution and

entirely the reverse with those at the first; and, above all, by passing any such rule you would deprive every chapter, to a certain extent, of the right of choosing its own members.

If a chapter is not to be trusted with the selection of its initiates — if it takes in men who are no credit to the Fraternity—then take away its charter and no further evil will arise, but do not in any way curtail that right of a chapter which is peculiarly its own and which every chapter should value above every other right it has.

B. R.

THE OUTLOOK IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

When one turns his back upon the silent shadows of his alma mater's walls, with a long and lingering farewell, and fixes his attention upon the real duties of active life, there generally comes over his spirit a loneliness and a gloom which is anything else than pleasant. Separation from the bosom companion of college days is a hard, hard task, to say nothing of the ideal existence which has been exchanged for reality. To the non-fraternity man this separation must be even harder, for he goes away from his study-table and his books, scarcely to be remembered by his class-mates—perchance to be forgotten—but for the Greek this parting is not altogether gloomy. He has at least the assurance that his memory shall live like a bright jewel in the hearts of those who long ago called him "Brother," and if his lot is not cast in a place too remote and barren, he will some times have the pleasure of commingling with those who are enlisted in the same noble cause.

This latter pleasure, at least, has been one redeeming feature in my separation from the dear boys of the Alpha-Upsilon Chapter. When I reached Columbia in May last, one of the first things I did was to "hunt up" the boys at the South Carolina College. This did not take long, for I found a goodly number, and with qualities equally as desirable as the quantity. I was wonderfully surprised when I learned of the splendid work that had been done

in such a quiet way by Preston, Thompson, Hamer, and others. Alpha-Psi is one of our most active and wide-awake chapters, and its possibilities for future achievements beyond anything we would reasonably predict.

We have at present in South Carolina about forty Alpha Taus, the majority of whom belong to the alumni. This speaks loudly for an *active* Alumni Association, and I think the matter should be pressed. The Alpha-Psi Chapter suggests that we have a reunion in Columbia during Fair-week in November. That would be an excellent time for having a meeting of the alumni, and I hope that the brothers will agitate this matter, so that we can be sure to have a meeting. Nothing would so much strengthen, encourage and facilitate our work in the Palmetto State as an active co-operation of the alumni.

If any of our Northern brothers happen to travel this way at any time, it will not be hard for them to find entertainment in this section. It is not a hard matter to find the Maltese Cross in Columbia, and you will find it worn with pride in twenty other towns of this State. A wayfaring Alpha Tau cannot easily fail to see it when he journeys in this direction. H. E. H.

FLORIDA OCCUPIED.

It may not be known to the Fraternity at large that we have secured a strong footing in Florida. Some mention has been made in the *Palm* of the prospects of an alumni organization in this State. But more important than this, as valuable and welcome as such an alumni organization will be, we can now announce that an active chapter of much promise has been started.

In March five charter members were initiated at Tallahassee, and the chapter has grown steadily since then. We had the great advantage of being among the very first in a field of unusual richness and promise. The best men were secured, and no chapter could begin under more favorable auspices as to quality. We

are not troubled as to quantity, for we will have no difficulty, for awhile at least, in getting as many members as we want.

Florida offers one of the most favored fields for Greek life. Great crowds visit us every year, and we will have abundant opportunity of showing that most delightful side of Fraternity life—genuine brotherly hospitality. The State, too, is increasing rapidly in every direction, and our school interests must keep pace with the general improvement. Some of the great institutions of the country must yet be located in this inviting and healthful clime. Already, next to New York, Florida is probably the most cosmopolitan section of the United States. We shall soon have, therefore, the greatest variety from which to choose, and one of the most important parts of the country to indoctrinate with our great principles.

This new chapter affords the natural nucleus, from which the alumni organization shall gather, and insures the early realization of this interesting feature of our fraternity policy. We believe ere long it will be impossible for an Alpha Tau to find himself anywhere in the limits of our State without meeting with brothers devotedly true, who exemplify in their lives the teachings of our grand Fraternity, and stand ready to extend any and every facility to every worthy wearer of the Maltese Cross.

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WE'LL BE THERE.

The North Carolina Alumni Association is in trim, cocked and primed, ready for good work and good times. We are met (locally) to-night to make preliminary arrangements for a grand meeting of the whole Fraternity, if possible, at Raleigh in October. You must come. Come? Of course, you will. We expect everybody. Details later. We propose for the North Carolina Association to be as vigorous as it is young. Our plans are to have the best time ever known in the history of the Fraternity.

P.

CLIPPINGS.

[From the Fredericksburg (Va.) News.]

The funeral services, on Thursday evening, in St. George's church, over the remains of Albert Sidney Doswell, were specially touching, tender and impressive, and attended by a very large congregation of sorrowing, sympathizing friends. From the University of Virginia, where he had been a medical student this year, his remains were accompanied to Fredericksburg by a delegation of twelve members of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity and four representatives of the Eli Banana Club, wearing the badges of each, and bringing exquisite floral offerings as tributes of love and friendship for the lamented dead.

Students from the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity :

J. Randolph Anderson, Georgia.
 Geo. Wayne Anderson, Jr., Georgia.
 Wm. W. Owen, Georgia.
 Frank J. Thomas, California.
 John Mallory, Virginia.
 Wm. C. Eustis, Washington City.
 Robert Robertson, Virginia.
 Foster Gaines, Virginia.
 Walter E. Addison, Virginia.
 John H. Addison, Virginia.
 Wallace Carmichael, Virginia.
 Geo. P. Eustis, Washington City.

From the Eli Banana Club :

Walter S. Lefevre, Maryland.
 Wm. Henry Robertson, Washington City.
 Oscar W. Underwood, Kentucky.
 W. H. Jones, Alabama.

Pall-Bearers : George W. Anderson, Wm. W. Owen, Wm. C. Eustis, John H. Addison, J. R. Anderson, F. J. Thomas, John Mallory, Charles Herndon.

On leaving the church, amid the sweet notes of "Rock of Ages," and its softly swelling organ accompaniment, the casket, covered with emblematic flowers, was gently borne by fellow-students to the hearse, and the order of procession formed—

Six representatives of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, each bearing a beautiful floral device.

Hearse, and pall-bearers on either side.

Four representatives of Eli Banana Club, with floral devices, Star and Anchor, Cushion and Broken Shaft.

Then followed carriages, containing the family and other relatives, and a long line of citizens, to the city cemetery, where was interred all that was mortal of him so many mourn—son, brother, friend, comrade—in his last peaceful sleep.

On now—his requiem is done,
The last deep prayer is said—
On to his burial, comrades—on,
With the noblest of the dead !

Slow—for it presses heavily—
It is a man ye bear !
Slow—for our thoughts dwell wearily
On the noble sleeper there.

Around his grave, hidden by flowers, grouped his fellow-students in tender, sorrowing farewell, and the April sunlight lingered lovingly above the spot as they sadly turned away.

Rest now !—his journeying is done—
Your feet are on his sod —
Death's chain is on your champion,
He waiteth here his God.

Aye, turn and weep—'tis manliness
To be heart-broken here,
For the grave of earth's best nobleness
Is watered by a tear.

Among the great number of beautiful floral designs, sent in affectionate tribute to the dead from friends in Charlottesville, Richmond and Fredericksburg were the following :

Maltese Cross (Badge of the Fraternity), from Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

Anchor, Star, Cushion, and Broken Shaft, from Eli Banana Club.

Anchor, from the Medical Class of the University of Virginia.
Gathered Sheaf, from Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.

Cross, from Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity.

[From the Wilson (N. C.) Advance.]

Mr. John F. Bruton.

(N. C. Alpha-Delta.)

The past year of the Wilson Graded School has been the most successful, satisfactory, and prosperous session of that excellent school. This prosperous and satisfactory result is due in a very large measure to the ability, care, attention and hard work of the principal, who has left no duty unperformed, but has given all his energies and ability to the success of the school. Because of his success as principal, his true worth and high character as a man, the Board of Trustees at their meeting last week re-elected him principal for the ensuing term. In this action the Board but voiced the sentiment of the entire community.

We regret, however, that deeply sensible of the continued confidence of the people and of the honor, Mr. Bruton has declined the position. He was prompted to this act, we know, solely on account of his determination to enter upon the study of the law, which he has chosen as his profession. Mr. Bruton has just cause for pride at the position he has attained in Wilson. Coming to our town three years ago an entire stranger, he has won a high place in the esteem of our people and has made many warm friends. No young man has come among us who has received so large a share of esteem and confidence—and none have deserved it in so large a measure as Mr. Bruton.

We trust that when Mr. Bruton shall have completed his course in law he will make Wilson his home. With his popularity, his ability, his character, he cannot fail to be successful in his chosen profession.

[From the Springfield (Ohio) Republic.]

The Rev. H. L. Wiles, D. D.

(Ohio Alpha-Chi.)

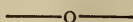
Upon resuming business in the afternoon, the subject of the successorship to Dr. Samuel Sprecher, lately Professor of Sacred Theology at Wittenberg, was brought forward. Before deliberations began, the Board, on motion, knelt in silent prayer for divine guidance in the selection of a professor in that important department. Balloting began, and the choice fell upon Rev. H. L. Wiles, D. D., pastor of the First Lutheran Church, of Mansfield, Ohio.

In the opinion of the Board, he is one of the strongest men in the Lutheran Church. As a pastor and theologian, he has few equals. He is a graduate of Wittenberg, and for years has been one of its most earnest supporters. He is said to be a man of scholarly attainments, and although he has had no experience in teaching, yet it is believed by all the Board that he will be eminently successful in his new field. Dr. Wiles did not seek the professorship, but, on the contrary, was taken completely by surprise when approached upon the subject.

[From the Same.]

The Alpha Psi Chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity of Wittenburg College, which was organized last November, held its last meeting of this college year last evening and initiated Rev. H. L. Wiles, D. D., of Mansfield, Ohio, as a member. Rev. Wiles is a gentleman of whom the chapter may well feel proud.

LETTERS FROM THE CHAPTERS.



VIRGINIA BETA.

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY, Lexington, Va.

Editors Palm :—Your worthy correspondent from Virginia Beta, being overburdened with work, and knowing that we were not troubled in that way, delegated to us the important and pleasing task of writing the usual Alpha Tau letter.

How poorly qualified we are to fill so responsible an office as that of correspondent, though but for once, we are, alas! too well aware; for unfortunately our internal economy lacks the main essential of the complete Greek letter-writer—namely, a capacity for self-laudation, surpassing that of Tulley himself.

We will, therefore, not say that we are the largest Fraternity in college, nor the most prosperous, nor the best, nor the most influential and enterprising, nor, in fact, superlatively anything. But what we will say is that we are an unassuming band of good fellows, with a strong affection for the Fraternity and one another, with the best interests of the Fraternity at heart, and remarkably unanimous on all questions relating to the action of our chapter.

We have not attempted to lead in college affairs this year as we did last, when we were laid on our backs for our pains, but acting on the old principle of letting the office seek the man, we have attained to some important positions in the college body politic.

Since your last letter from us, we have enrolled among our members Bro. Ed. Leyburn, making a total of nine for the chapter during the whole year.

Bros. Barrett and Turner left us not long ago, so now “we are seven,” though, thanks to the powers that be, none of this seven is yet dead.

How shall we describe to you the delightful visit of Brother Glazebrook or the charm that his genial manners had for us? Dear *Palm*, you know the worthy brother; in fact, if we are not misinformed, you are nearly related to him, so we will not descant upon the pleasure that he gave us by his visit for fear that your usually greenish-gray cover will turn pink with blushes, but will

merely say that we hope to meet Bro. G. again soon, when we shall have the opportunity of knowing him better.

And now for a few facts concerning the various members of our chapter:

Bro. Allen, after a tough contest with a non-fraternity man, was elected to the most important position within the gift of the students—namely, that of Editor-in-Chief of the *Southern Collegian*. Bro. Allen is well-fitted for this important office, as he was at one time on the editorial staff of an influential Kentucky weekly, and was also assistant editor of the *Collegian* in 1882. He will be able to devote a great deal of time and care to editorial duties, as his ticket next year will be light.

Bro. Campbell is Assistant Professor of Chemistry and will be a candidate for the degree of Ph. D. next year. Bro. Campbell, it is almost needless to say, is the same old two and sixpence that he used to be and always will be, combining the dignity of the oldest professor with the joviality of a boy.

Bro. Godson will take his B. L. this year, and a very good one it will be, certainly no lower than second out of a class of fifteen.

Bro. Geo. Lee will also take a very good B. L., being fourth or fifth, if I am not mistaken.

Bro. Hayward was made captain and stroke on the Harry Lee Boat Crew, a position which he did not desire, and which was literally forced upon him.

Bro. Leyburn is still a young man, but we expect great things of him in the future.

Our list ends here, and we expect you are glad to hear it.

Apologizing for the length of this letter, which would have been shorter had we not been in a hurry, we remain,

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

GEO. B. ANDERSON, *Correspondent*.

VIRGINIA DELTA.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Editors Palm.:—The session is now over, and we are able to give an accurate summing up of our work. The past session has been one of great prosperity to the chapter. At times we had as many as twenty-four members, but the number was somewhat reduced towards the close by sickness, death, &c. The beautiful memorial resolutions to our dear Bro. Doswell were finished, and have been forwarded to his sorrowing parents; they were but a feeble expression of our sense of loss. We still grieve

for him, and this mourning will scarcely cease until the last member of the present chapter shall have gone.

A considerable amount of money was raised for the Chapter House. We hope to do at least as much next session, and if so, plans and specifications will be in order.

Some of the brothers will not be back. We part with them with genuine regret. The chapter will eagerly watch their career, and they may know they can ever turn for sympathy and appreciation to their old mother. Not one will be forgot.

We shall begin the new session with at least sixteen old men, which removes all apprehension as to our success for the next year. We hear of several first-rate additions to the chapter from other institutions.

We have gotten our full share of academic distinctions and diplomas. The brothers, in nearly every case, made the tickets they attempted. Bro. Percy graduated with high distinction in law, and Bro. Robert Robertson was not far behind him in the scientific department.

We come now to record the University honors which were won by the chapter. We will let the facts speak for themselves. The final Presidency of the Jefferson Literary Society, one of the most coveted positions in the final exercises, was awarded to Brother Randolph Anderson. The first medal for debate in the Jefferson Society was earned by Bro. Gregory. The joint meeting of the two Literary Societies was presided over by Bro. Walter Addison, and the Magazine medal, one of the most important distinctions of the session, was won by Bro. Ficklen. When it is told that the second medal in the Jefferson and two medals in the Washington Literary Society (of which none of our brothers are members) were the only honors that remained to be had, it can be seen that it is no vain boast to say that the Delta Chapter has acquitted herself this year with distinguished honor. Add to this that Bro. Randolph Anderson was No. 4 on the Boat Crew, and we have a record of which any Fraternity might well be proud.

In view of all this, we shall begin the next session under peculiarly great advantages, and we trust that the record of 1885 may not be unworthy of a proud comparison with that which puts Alpha Tau Omega in the front rank—yea, in the first place—of the many noble and worthy Fraternities with which our University is blessed.

With greetings to all brothers,

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

WALTER E. ADDISON, *Correspondent.*

VIRGINIA EPSILON.

ROANOKE COLLEGE, Salem, Va.

Editors Palm:—Like all things terrestrial, so comes the close of this session, and soon it will be numbered with the things that were. And with its close must necessarily follow the interruption of the pleasant associations and the severing of the warmest ties of friendship which have been formed during the past session.

In review of this and the preceding year, we can see that this has been a prosperous year, and glad to note that the untiring energy and efforts of the Faculty have been blessed with success, and this has been a session of grand achievements.

With the prosperity characteristic of Roanoke, Alpha Tau Omega is found "to the front," and with her sister Fraternities, if not first, is at least considered to rank with the first. At the beginning of the session we numbered only two—Bro. J. M. Davidson and myself. By earnest and persistent effort we have succeeded in adding to our number five of the noblest boys of which Roanoke may well be proud.

In numbers we about equal the Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Thetas; but the Phi Delta Thetas seem to have chief regard for numbers, and at one time had about fifteen; but seeing the error of their way (and it ought to be admired), they gently thrust three of their brethren out into the cold world.

Our prospects next year are very encouraging, and we intend to make "Epsilon" the banner chapter of Alpha Tau Omega.

Our Fraternity is the only one here represented in which there is not a member who drinks intoxicating liquors.

Brother Cline, of North Carolina, contestant for the medal in Mathematics, was compelled, on account of a severe spell of sickness, to leave for his home before examination. Could easily have gotten the medal.

Bro. C. B. Miller, of North Carolina, is one of the six contestants for the medal in Oratory. The contest will take place this evening. If popular favor and earnest desires of a large circle of friends, together with his "silvery tongue," are requisites for success, Bro. M. need have no fears.

Bro George M. Terrill, M D., has located in Salem, and by his geniality of manner and skill in his profession has won the confidence and patronage of a large number of his fellow-citizens. His brother "Sam" has now a clerkship at Glade Springs.

Bro. W. R. Brown, '83, who has been in the Seminary at this place, will enter at Philadelphia in September.

Bro. J. R. Eversole, of same class, has been engaged in teaching.

Bro. Geo. McClintic, same class, is now taking a course of law at the University of Virginia.

None of our boys graduated this year.

With love for all, I am,

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

W. H. DeBELL, *Correspondent.*

KENTUCKY MU.

KENTUCKY MILITARY INSTITUTE, Farmdale, Ky.

Editors Palm:—The time has now arrived when all our energies must be exerted, our time profitably used, and our powers of endurance taxed to their utmost in order that the candidates for graduation may attain the requisite standard and the undergraduates be enabled to pass creditably the approaching June examination. We trust then that you will pardon brevity and the slight delay occasioned by lack of opportunity and time.

There is in fact but little to say, for nothing of interest or importance has happened to disturb our equilibrium and happiness, or to augment our present success except the proceedings with regard to the establishment of the Alumni Chapter in the city of Louisville. So far as we have extended our inquiries and investigations the Kentucky brothers seem very zealous with regard to it. A charter has been obtained and a committee of arrangement, consisting of the following brothers: H. M. Stucky, G. C. Keith, R. D. Smith, W. D. Howe and Z. H. Crutcher, appointed. Some of the preliminaries have already been arranged, and with the earnest co-operation of the *older* alumni brothers we hope to make the prospective meeting a complete success.

In our next communication we shall be able to inform you concerning the graduates, the honors attained, and distinctions won by our chapter. "As the *labor* is, so shall the harvest be." We trust that we shall be able to make a report of our year's work that will reflect upon us honor and credit.

To the graduates the saddest part of their lives is drawing near. Soon they will have to bid farewell to their beloved "alma mater" and begin to regard their college days as among the things that were.

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

Z. H. CRUTCHER, *Correspondent.*

TENNESSEE OMEGA.

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, Sewanee, Tenn.

Editors Palm:—I received yesterday the notice to forward the letter for the June number of the *Palm*. I have but little to say, as things have been very quiet, but nevertheless, no matter how little news there may be, I think every chapter ought to have its letter in every number. It is a great pleasure to see something from each and all, and when we find a long and enthusiastic letter it is a positive treat. And truly we who are joined together in the bonds of our beloved Alpha Tau Omega have just cause to be enthusiastic. Is not our Maltese Cross, with its signs so full of beautiful meaning, a badge that every Alpha Tau may wear with proper pride?

Our chapter is in a flourishing condition. We have taken in one new member since my last letter, Bro. H. H. Easter, and all our men are true-hearted Alpha Taus.

We had a visit last month from Bro. F. A. DeRosset, assistant to Dr. Satterlee at Calvary church, New York city. We expect to welcome among us to-morrow Bro. T. M. DuBose, M. D. with his bride. He is now Worthy Master of the S. C. Alumni Association.

Another member of our chapter, Bro. M. P. Ravenel, stood first among the graduates of the Charleston Medical College this year.

We intend to get a book in which to keep a regular list of our members, allotting a couple of pages to each in which to note anything of interest that befalls him.

I notice in the last *Palm* an inquiry from Bro. R. D. A. Wade about a certain Howard from our chapter. It is a mistake, as we have never had any one of that name in our chapter. Bro. J. T. Beckett, who left there some time ago, and Bro. W. P. Duncan, who graduates this month, are the only two of our members who have ever been at Columbia College.

The Phi Delta Theta Fraternity is building a neat Chapter-House here, and I hear the Sigma Alpha Epsilon is going to follow suite.

We received this week from the Alpha-Kappa Chapter the *Bolt*, published by the Fraternities at the "Stevens Institute of Technology." It is certainly a handsome and interesting publication, and we all appreciate the attention very much.

With love from all the brothers here, I remain,

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

JNO. F. FINLAY, *Correspondent*.

GEORGIA ALPHA-BETA.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, Athens, Ga.

Editors Palm.:—A letter has just reached me from Brother Glazebrook, notifying me that it is time to send my regular letter of Georgia Alpha-Beta. I was somewhat surprised, for I was under the impression that the next issue of the *Palm* would be about the last of July or first of August. Nevertheless, having received the notification, it is my great pleasure to comply with the request therein contained.

Of course you understand that most of our chapter affairs are about the same all the year round, and those having been given you time and again, become finally rather *stale*, if I may be allowed to make use of the expression.

So it is, to a great degree, with Georgia Alpha-Beta, but it requires no effort on my part for me to write something for her and about her. My trouble is that I don't know where to stop when once I begin.

She is now moving along as well as the most sanguine could expect, considering the time of the year, so near commencement, and there is nothing else I could wish for. In a week or more four of her members, seniors, will leave, but she is left with every prospect for a good opening next fall.

She has reason, too, to be proud of two, at least, of her seniors, for both of them will doubtless carry off honors.

Her Freshmans, Sophomores and Juniors are all good, enthusiastic boys, and will labor to the best of their ability to promote her welfare.

Your correspondent had the pleasure of meeting a number of Alpha-Beta boys the other day; we had a good talk about Alpha Tau Omega.

Well, as this is the last time you will hear from me in the capacity of correspondent, I hope you will excuse my past shortcomings.

Hoping you will receive this, my last, in time to publish, I will keep back my overflow of spirit until I shall write you again in the simple capacity of a member of Alpha Tau Omega.

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

J. E. POTTLE, *Correspondent.*

NORTH CAROLINA ALPHA-DELTA.

Editors Palm:—I must ask your pardon for not writing my letter sooner, and hope I have caused you no delay by my negligence; but I have been so very busy with my examinations and commencement, which came off last week, that I have really not had time to write. Bro. Wood and I graduated—he with honors and I with a “skeepskin,” minus the honors; and among our many regrets at leaving this dear old place, the greatest is that we leave behind us many of our much loved and long cherished friends in Alpha-Delta; for we never realized how much we love our friends until the time of separation from them comes. Yet we are greatly consoled by the fact that we do not leave them alone, nor do we ourselves go out to fight life’s battle single handed; but that our common mother, with her tender care, is constantly watching over us all, rejoicing in our every good deed, and with a gentle and loving hand will lead us through life’s rough way, to that heavenly temple of Friendship, prepared by a Saviour’s love for all true and worthy members of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. Our chapter was never in a better condition than now. Six of us will return next session, and we expect Bros. Ruffin and Tucker, from Alpha-Eta, making eight to start with, which we think a very good number.

Our annual banquet came off on Monday night of Commencement Week. Bro. Ruffin, of Alph-Eta, was the only visiting brother who honored us with his presence. He seemed to enjoy himself, and I am certain we all enjoyed ourselves very much, but could not help regretting that more of the boys could not be with us.

Later in the week, Bros. Page, Gray, Shipp and Williams came up, and, of course, we were delighted to see them.

Our Commencement was a very pleasant one. Bro. Patterson was one of the representatives from the society, and made a very pretty speech, doing himself and our fraternity much credit.

Bro. Howard was one of the ball managers, and the “Major” fully sustained his reputation as a lady’s man.

For fear that I have taken up more than my allotted space in the *Palm*, I will close.

Wishing the *Palm* much success, and with fraternal greetings to all the brothers from Alpha-Delta,

I am yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

J. C. R., *Correspondent.*

ALABAMA ALPHA-EPSILON.

STATE COLLEGE, Auburn, Ala.

Editors Palm:—Our W. M. informs me that the time has arrived for writing our Chapter letter, and I feel glad that it has, for I have no other duty which pleases me so well.

Our chapter is still increasing in size and influence. Since my last communication we have initiated Bro. V. L. Allan.

As it may be of some interest to our brothers at a distance, I give below a list of our present members, their postoffice addresses, and the year of their graduation :

- '81—Bro. B. B. Ross, Auburn, Ala.
- '84—Bro. W. L. Hutchinson, Whitesville, Ga.
- '84—Bro. R. S. Corry, Greenville, Ala.
- '84—Bro. F. C. Duke, Mountain Hill, Ga.
- '84—Bro. W. C. Whitaker, Tuskegee, Ala.
- '85—Bro. J. M. Allen, Pintlala, Ala.
- '86—Bro. L. F. Howell, Valdosta, Ga.
- '86—Bro. B. S. Burton, Valdosta, Ga.
- '86—Bro. D. Larkin, Larkinsville, Ala.
- '86—Bro. T. P. Zellars, Palmetto, Ga.
- '87—Bro. H. S. Persons, Auburn, Ala.
- '87—Bro. V. L. Allan, Opelika, Ala.
- '87—Bro. E. G. Bond, Mobile, Ala.

The above are all good men and true, and well worthy of wearing the Maltese Cross. Brothers, by deliberate choice, we strive always to keep the fraternal feeling warm in our hearts, and our highest aim is to aid and help each other, morally and mentally, and constantly strengthen the bonds that already hold us together. It is our earnest intention, if it is possible, to fulfill the half-prophecy, half-advice, lately received from one of our alumni members, and "make the Alpha Epsilon Chapter the banner chapter of Alpha Tau Omega." We recognize the fact that there are many, and unlooked-for, difficulties in the way, and that we will have to labor with all our might and main, but we believe we are equal to the task. The prize is at least worthy of the toil.

I have lately heard from several of our Alpha Tau Omega brothers, and from their letters I glean the following little "Personals :—"

Bro. C. M. Awtrey, who left us last winter, is now in Hogans-

ville, Ga., holding the position of telegraph operator on the Atlanta & West Point railroad.

Bro. Howard Lamar is commandant in the West Georgia A. & M. College, at Hamilton, Ga.

Bro. W. D. Barnes is in his father's office at Tallahassee, Fla.

Bro. Glass, one of our charter members, has the position of resident physician at the city hospital, Mobile, Ala.

Bro. John Davis is at Gold Hill, junior partner in the nurseries at that place of the firm of Dowell & Davis.

Bro. M. E. Hill is in Atlanta, Ga.

Almost invariably, our boys are "getting on in the world" in a manner that does credit to them and to our Fraternity.

I almost forgot to tell you that Bro. T. F. Mangum is principal of a flourishing school at Newton, Ala. Top says he will certainly be up commencement.

Bro. N. P. Samford, who has been ill near unto death's door, with typhoid fever, for the last seven months, is at last almost recovered, and has been able to take several buggy drives.

I wish to compliment the N. J. Alpha-Kappa on the splendid appearance of *The Bolt*, which they, in conjunction with several other Fraternities at the Stevens Institute of Technology, have just issued. As a model of typographic neatness, it cannot be surpassed,

As was announced in the last issue of the *Palm*, the State Alumni Association will meet with our chapter here on the 26th of this month. At our last meeting, the Alpha-Epsilon Chapter finally decided to have a banquet in conjunction with the meeting of the Association. It will not cost much over a hundred dollars at our present calculation, though we may add more to this sum. We intend to make the visit of all our brothers one round of pleasure, so that when they leave they will take with them nothing but the most pleasing recollections.

But I have made my letter somewhat longer than I expected, and as I have written about all the news of interest we have, I consider it the part of prudence to close.

We will be glad to see any of our distant brothers present at our banquet.

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

WALTER C. WHITAKER, *Correspondent.*

GEORGIA ALPHA-ZETA.

MERCER UNIVERSITY, Macon, Ga.

Editors Palm :—Having been recently elected correspondent of the Georgia Alpha Zeta Chapter, it is with the greatest pleasure that I write my first letter to the *Palm*

Our chapter still holds its own, and the prospects for the future are as bright as could be.

At commencement we will lose by graduation three of our best workers and three of the finest men to be found anywhere—Bros. J. D. Chapman, J. E. Powell, and W. H. Weaver.

Bro. Powell has been with us ever since the chapter was founded, and it is with sadness that we part with him. We shall miss his counsels and lose a friend whose place it will be no easy task to fill. He and Bro. Chapman will enter the ministry.

Bro. Weaver, I understand, will make dentistry his profession.

The boys of the chapter came in for a full share of the college honors this year, having received seven—as many as any other Fraternity here.

In the senior class Bro. Chapman shares the second honor, and Bro. Powell receives a place. Our junior speakers are E. V. Baldy, M. W. Jones, J. M. Kelly, and L. E. Williams—just half the places given. Bro. Cuyler W. Findley will represent the sophomore class.

Since the last *Palm* was issued we have initiated in our noble order Bros. J. R. Cain, of Putnam county, Ga., and Bro. J. N. McLaw, of Macon. Both will make us worthy brothers.

The State Alumni Association will meet with us this year, and we are making royal preparations for it. We expect to have a good old Alpha Tau Omega time. We promise all who attend a hearty welcome, a good supper, and last, but not least, a good time with the sweetest crowd of young ladies in the Empire State of the South—all of them genuine Alpha Taus.

With much love for every one, both male and female, who wears the Maltese Cross,

I remain yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

LEWIS E. WILLIAMS.

NORTH CAROLINA ALPHA-ETA.

Editors Palm :—The haste with which I am compelled to write this letter prevents me from expressing myself as would be desirable, and as I have no opportunity for preparing one that

would interest your readers, I hope you will excuse the many imperfections of this one; besides you know ours is a "sub-rosa" chapter, and we can get but little news.

At the public exercises of our school, on the 25th of April, we had about twenty of our brothers with us. On Saturday night, the 26th, we had our little hall dedicated, and Bro. Sam Boyd, *alias* "Beaver," was the orator of the occasion. He acquitted himself handsomely, and stirred up the true feelings of friendship, and made each and every brother present more eager and enthusiastic in advancing the standard of our good old Fraternity; I will not say old in years, but an "old hand" at turning out such true, noble and energetic Alpha Taus. I wish that I could expatiate about the accomplishments of each and every brother present, but time and opportunity will not permit. Our chapter numbered eight members this session—seven of the truest and best in the land. I need not remark about the eighth, for he is your correspondent.

Oh! excuse me; I was beginning to forget myself, and forgot that I was writing a letter to the *Palm*, but thought that I was in the "seventh heaven" of bliss communing with myself about our good old Order and noble Fraternity.

Hoping that this poor attempt at a letter will arrive in time for the next issue of the *Palm*, I remain,

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

ROEBRICK, *Correspondent*.

PENNSYLVANIA TAU.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia, Pa.

Editors Palm:—It is again my pleasant duty to write our Chapter letter, but I am afraid that it will be a very short one, as we have made no initiates since last you heard from me; and especially, as we are now in the midst of our examinations, little is talked of except the all engrossing topic, our studies.

On Tuesday, May 27th, the Seniors held their "class day" at the Chestnut Street Opera House, Bro. Smith, as president of the class, presided. Bro. Welch delivered the prophecy, in which he marked out a glowing future for many of its members.

And now I must bid you farewell for the present, hoping that at the end of the next collegiate year our progress may be as much greater as this year's was over last, and that the spirit of "the gray champion" may rest in the hearts of all Alpha Taus, ever ready to lend a helping hand to the weak or the oppressed.

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

PERCY ASH, *Correspondent*.

GEORGIA ALPHA-THETA.

EMORY COLLEGE, Oxford, Ga.

Editors Palm :—Since my last letter we have initiated Bro. Charles H. Holland, of Cleburne, Texas. This is about the only *new* chapter news that we have. There was a mistake, or rather misprint, in my last letter. It read that we had eight juniors and eight sophomores, when it should have been five of each. The speakers' places have been announced for all the classes. We received one senior place, four junior places, and three sub-freshman places. The senior and junior places are given for class standing, the sub-freshman for declamation. I think we stand a fair chance for some of the medals, and hope we will get some.

Bro. McGehee was elected anniversarian of the Few Society a few weeks ago.

All our boys are doing well, and I think that all intend to return next year. I think that I can say, without any disposition to boast, that we are still advancing in every respect.

We are all busy now standing our final examinations. We expect to have a good time commencement, and hope to have a good many visiting brothers with us. We are making arrangements for our banquet. The money is made up, and the boys are beginning to look about among the *fair ones* for some one for them to bring to it.

Our two graduates for this year are Bros. W. L. Houser, Fort Valley, Ga., and E. J. Robeson, Ashville, N. C. We always celebrate the anniversary of our birth by having a speech from one of the brothers, and close it with a social meeting.

Bro. E. J. Robeson was our anniversarian for this year. This was our third anniversary.

Bro. Bassett paid us a short visit a few weeks ago. He is farming at Fort Valley, Ga.

At our last meeting we elected the following officers: E. P. McCroan, W. M.; W. J. Reid, W. C.; S. P. Bradley, W. K. E.; C. H. Holland, W. K. A.; J. Dixon, W. S.; G. P. Munro, W. U.; W. J. Donovan, W. Sen.

The correspondent was re-elected.

Bro. McCroan was elected on the staff of the *Emory Mirror* from the Few Society, and Bro. McGehee and your correspondent were both re-elected for the same office.

The *Emory Mirror* is the college paper run by the two literary societies. Bro. McGehee is our delegate to the Georgia State Alumni Association at Macon.

Hoping to be able to record other successes for our chapter the next letter I write, I remain

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

LINTON B. ROBESON, *Correspondent.*

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA-IOTA.

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE, Allentown, Pa.

Editors Palm.:—The condition of the chapter, and, in fact, everything about college, is so quiet as to make it almost impossible to give anything new. We have made no additions since our last letter, so that our chapter-roll is still quite small, but we are still among the living, and intend to stay, until good and sufficient reasons compel us to be otherwise.

We occasionally visit our sister chapter at Lehigh, and always have a very pleasant time whenever we do so.

The last *Palm* was duly received and read with much pleasure. The general Fraternity appears to have increased somewhat rapidly, but not too much so to prevent stability.

The names and addresses of our boys we place below, with the remark that we consider this a move in the right direction :

M. Luther Horne, '83, Allentown, Pa.

R. Morris Smith, '83, Alamanta, Northampton county, Pa.

Prof. E. S. Dieter, Carbon, Carbon county, Pa.

O. Claude Hoffman, Allentown, Pa.

Ralph Metzgar, '87, Allentown, Pa.

Clinton J. Schaadt, Egypt, Lehigh county, Pa.

Ira Wise, Allentown, Pa.

PERSONALS.

Prof. E. S. Dieter has taken to himself a wife, and is at present staying with his parents at Carbon, Pa. Prof. Dieter expects to teach again next fall, probably at Muhlenberg.

M. Luther Horne, '83, is reading law in the office of Brother Metzgar's father.

R. Morris Smith, '83, after graduation, bid farewell to all our brothers, and set out for the "Lone Star State," as a professor. Having been absent eight months, he again returned to his old friends and brothers, having more the appearance of a Texan *cow-boy* than a professor.

Bro. Hoffman, '86, has left Muhlenberg, and speaks of entering Lehigh next fall.

With love to all Alpha Taus, I remain,

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

IRA WISE, *Correspondent.*

NEW JERSEY ALPHA-KAPPA.

STEVENS INSTITUTE, Hoboken, N. J.

Editors Palm:—We mailed a copy of *The Bolt* to the correspondent of each Alpha Tau Omega chapter, as given in the last *Palm*. Anyone not receiving the same should notify us at once. The book was placed on sale, at fifty cents per copy, at 9 A. M., May 29th, and before noon none were left; and we are urged on all sides to issue a second edition. If we decide upon a second edition, we will be able to supply Alpha Taus at sixty-five cents a copy, by mail. The book is considered a success.

The following index to the groups may be of interest:

Foot Ball Team—Cotiart, Wurtz, Bush, Campbell, Torrace, Dilwarth, Keltzsch, Baldwin, McCoy, Maury, Burham, Adriance.

Editors—Harlow, Williams, McElroy, Aldrich, Barnes, Lilly, Fearn, Coffey, Boynton.

Examination begins to-morrow, and as our correspondent has been devoting perhaps too much time to *The Bolt*, he asks to be excused from writing a longer letter.

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

M. S. HARLOW, *Correspondent*.

OHIO ALPHA-NU.

MT. UNION COLLEGE, Mt. Union, Ohio.

Editors Palm:—The summer term opens with brightening prospects for the Ohio Alpha-Nu; and while we regret the absence of our esteemed brother, Ed. F. Harris, of Cambridge, Pa., who returned home, intending to enter college at Ann Arbor, Mich., next fall, we welcome Brother J. C. Miller, Pennsylvania Alpha-Upsilon, who will be with us this term.

We are glad to hear that Brother O. P. Woolf, who has for some time been lying at death's door, is now convalescent, and we hope soon to have him with us again.

Ere this reaches you we will have increased our ranks by the initiation of another new member, which will make our number eleven.

The Alpha Chapter of the Delta Gamma Fraternity (ladies) will, in a short time, hold their annual banquet. The chapter is in a flourishing condition, and we all join in wishing it success.

The feeling between the two rival chapters is very friendly,

and there are perhaps no real anti-fraternity students here, except those to whom fraternities are "sour grapes."

Hoping this will not be too late for the next number of the *Palm*, I am,

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

S. W. MELLOTTÉ, *Correspondent.*

TENNESSEE ALPHA-TAU.

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY,
Clarksville, Tenn.

Editors Palm:—It has been quite a long time since this chapter has had the pleasure of sending our paper a letter. Pride, as well as duty, compels me to write. Our chapter is composed of fourteen (14) active and good brothers. We have lately taken in one new man and three old Alpha Gammas. Our new members are the following, and we take a great deal of pride in mentioning them individually: Bro. E. M. Howard is the junior partner in the largest grocery firm in the city, and is the acknowledged leader of society; Bro. West is our city attorney; Bro. DeGraffinreid is editor and owner of the largest paper here; Bro. Wake is head book-keeper of the largest tobacco stemmery in the West. All of our members are very enthusiastic over our present fine condition and future prospects.

Our men stood highest at this University, Bro. Martin being one of the three degree men, and Bros. Fitts and Smiser bore off both medals, for subject matter and oratory, in a field of ten, the ten being selected by the faculty as the best in the University.

Bro. Bailey, who has been attending the University of Virginia, returned about a month ago and has been a very valuable addition to our chapter—"what was your loss was our gain."

We are calculating on having a very fine large chapter next session, as we start with ten men, and we have hopes to more than double that number.

On last Wednesday night we gave our second annual ball and banquet at the Tobacco Exchange, the four stories being brilliantly lighted and decorated beautifully with flowers. There were about one hundred and seventy-five persons present, including the beauty and gallantry of this and surrounding cities. It is the unanimous verdict, that it was the most elegant affair ever given in the city. To quote a young lady: "We will look for-

ward and hope for the time to quickly pass until the third banquet of the Alpha Tau Omegas." We enclose an account of the affair from one of our papers.

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

LEE RICHARDSON, *Correspondent.*

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA-UPSILON.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE, Gettysburg, Pa.

Editors Palm :—In the absence of Bro. Harman, the pleasant duty of writing to the *Palm* has been assigned to me. Being the last term of the year, there is but little of interest occurring here in Fraternity circles. At the last election of Phrenakosmian Society the only three members of the society belonging to the chapter received important offices—Bro. Gerhardt the presidency, Bro. Brown senior marshalship, and the undersigned business managership of the College Monthly.

What are some of our chapters doing on the Song Book question? We are glad to see, by the last *Palm*, that Georgia Alpha-Beta is at work in this matter. The committee request us to impress the importance of this matter on the Fraternity. We have upwards of twenty songs, and of that number but *two* have come from other chapters. Is this *right*? Is it *just* to throw the matter entirely on us? Let us hear from the old chapters—those which *have* and still are doing valiant work for Alpha Tau Omega. Send us songs, so that at least a preliminary edition of the song book can be published before the next Congress. If any brothers know of alumni brothers who would aid us in this matter, they would oblige us by sending their addresses.

PERSONALS.

We are sorry to announce that Bro. Mentger has left college on account of sickness. The character of his sickness precludes the possibility of his returning in the future. It is with deep regret that Alpha-Upsilon loses this brother, endeared by so many ties of Alpha Tau friendship.

Bro. Haman has also left college for the Sunny South. He wrote me a very enthusiastic letter since his return home, telling of his reception by the S. C. Alpha-Psi boys. It made us long to have them up here to return their hospitality. Bro. Haman leaves with the best wishes of the Alpha Tau boys and, in fact, of all the students of Pennsylvania College.

Bro. Baker has been compelled to leave the Seminary for the remainder of the present term by sickness. He expects to return in October when the Seminary opens. He is just as enthusiastic in the "good work" as if he were here, and does not forget to remind us of our duty.

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

W. J. KASTEN, *Correspondent.*

SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA-CHI.

Editors Palm.:—It again becomes our pleasant duty to report to the *Palm*.

Everything is moving along smoothly with us; and though we must necessarily keep very quiet, we are ever watchful of the interests of our beloved Fraternity.

We have initiated the two members of whom we wrote you in our last letter, and, as we expected, have found them worthy supporters of a worthy cause.

We received quite a treat a few days since in the shape of a copy of the *Bolt*, sent us by the New Jersey Alpha-Kappa. We congratulate our brothers on their success in this undertaking, and thank them for their kind remembrance of us.

It is with pleasure that we chronicle the marriage of Bro. Theodore M. DuBose, M. D., Worthy Master of the South Carolina Alumni Association.

The chapter sends love to all Alpha Taus.

With many kind wishes for the continued prosperity of our beloved Fraternity, I am

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

_____, *Correspondent.*

OHIO ALPHA-PSI.

WITTENBERG COLLEGE, Springfield, Ohio.

Editors Palm.:—The time for examination is drawing near and I was so busy that I had forgotten it was time for a Chapter letter, but this will reach you by the 10th.

As the names and addresses of the members of our chapter have not appeared in the *Palm*, I will give them here:

Prof. E. J. Shives, Springfield, Ohio.

Ben. F. Taylor, Springfield, Ohio.

A. R. Cecil, New Carlisle, Ohio.

R. W. Mitchell, Rex, Ohio.

W. F. Lamme, Midway, Ohio.

William Grim, Springfield, Ohio.

Harry Phillips, Springfield, Ohio.

Harry Gwinner, Ashland, Ohio.

Guy Coblentz, Springfield, Ohio.

Victor Smith, Springfield, Ohio.

C. A. Krout, Woodview, Ohio.

Two of our brothers are not attending college this term. Bro. Coblentz is in a drugstore in the city, and Bro. Gwinner is at his home, but will be with us next year.

Fraternity work has made rapid strides here this year. Last fall there were only two Fraternities represented here, now there are four.

The Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity has established a chapter here since our last letter to the *Palm*. It consists of five members.

We recently received a letter of greeting from the Georgia Alpha-Zeta, which encouraged us in the good work we have undertaken. We have not yet met any of the members of our sister chapters, but are always glad to hear from them.

We wish, through the *Palm*, to thank the New Jersey Alpha-Zeta for a copy of the *Bolt*.

The Annual is a credit to the Fraternities represented at Stevens Institute. We were much pleased with the fine steel engraving of our Fraternity.

There is more enthusiasm in our chapter for a few weeks after receiving the *Palm*, and for this reason we think it should be published monthly. Resolutions to that effect will be presented to the High Council by our chapter.

We are glad to hear that Pennsylvania Alpha-Upsilon is still working at the Song Book, and hope it will soon be completed and used by each chapter.

Wittenberg has had more students this year than ever before, and the number will be largely increased next year, as the new building will be completed and two new professors elected. A post-graduate course has been established, and several of the members of the class of '84 will remain here next year.

Please change our chapter-name to Alpha-Psi. It was changed

to Alpha-Chi in the December number, and to Alpha-Phi in the March number.

Hoping the Chapter-Letters will not cause a delay of the June number, I remain,

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

C. A. KROUT, *Correspondent*.

SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA-PHI.

SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE, Columbia, S. C.

Editors Palm :—The time approaches for me again to send you a letter from this chapter, and I hasten to comply. Byron says :

“It’s nice to see one’s name in print,
A book’s a book if nothing’s in’t.”

And on this principle, if for no other reason, I should be glad to add my contribution.

Everything here in the Fraternity world is very quiet. There is to be a valedictory and response delivered before the Fraternity Congress by speakers chosen from the chapters represented. Alpha Tau Omega furnishes the valedictorian, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon the respondent.

Alpha Tau is very well represented in the commencement exercises this year.

Bro. Kinard won the debaters’ medal in his literary society, over which we are, of course, very much elated.

We have been very much gratified by the frequent expressions of good will which we have received from sister chapters.

We cordially invite all Alpha Taus to our commencement, June 23d, and promise them a “big time.”

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

WILLIAM C. BESTON, *Correspondent*.

FLORIDA ALPHA OMEGA.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, Tallahassee, Fla.

Editors Palm :—It is again with an unlimited pleasure that I have the opportunity of occupying a very insignificant portion of the dear old *Palm*—the pulse of the Fraternity.

In regard to our chapter, I will say that its future prospects correspond with the ardent desires of my heart, while it will

gratify the pride of every member of the most promising chapter by its resemblance to his own. Yes, in fewer words, its survey of the future is very flattering indeed ; for our institution promises to be far more assiduous than the pages of her previous history can relate.

We expect to give a banquet on the 11th of June ('84), and all brothers who may not receive a formal invitation of course have a standing invitation already.

Upon reading very carefully the editorial note on the necrology page of the *Palm*, at a meeting the Florida Alpha Omega Chapter, June 4th, the following resolutions were adopted :

Whereas, we, the members of the Florida Alpha Omega Chapter, of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, feeling a deep interest in the history of our members, be it

Resolved, That each member of this chapter be and is hereby requested to furnish our Worthy Keeper of Annals with a written record of his life up to the time of his initiation into this Fraternity ; and that said Worthy Keeper of Annals be directed to record the same in his journal.

Resolved, That upon the death of any member of this chapter a blank page shall be reserved in the Worthy Keeper of Annals' journal, upon which to record the name of the deceased brother, the date of death and cause of the same.

Resolved, That the record of said death shall be made under a drawing or cut of the insignia of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity and the initials of this Chapter.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the *Palm* for publication.

I think it very advisable for all the chapters to adopt resolutions to the above effect, for I think that it should be nothing more than a duty of respect to keep a *more complete* record of those brothers whose stars have gone down to rise on some brighter shore. In addition to the date, cause, &c., we should collect such interesting remarks as may be convenient to find out concerning their death.

Love to all the brothers.

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

JOHN H. CARTER, *Correspondent.*

LETTERS FROM ALUMNI.

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CLEAR LAKE, MINN., May 6, 1884.

Dear Brother :—I have not seen the *Palm* for just about twelve months—partly, I suppose, through my not notifying you of my change of post-office, as I have been changing around considerably during that time. However, I wish you would have forwarded me to Clear Lake, Minn., the back numbers for one year, and enter my name on your subscription list for a year, with post-office at Minneapolis, Minn., care of Winston Brothers, and send me the bill and I will remit at once; also be kind enough to see if I am in debt to the *Palm* at the present time, and if so, add it to your bill.

I trust the *Palm* is meeting with the success it deserves, and that it may have continued prosperity.

Yours fraternally,

JNO. C. WINSTON.

WESTON, W. VA., March 3, 1884.

Dear Brother :—I write you to know if you can secure me two copies of the *Palm*, Vol. II, Nos. 3 and 4. I loaned those two copies to a friend and now I am unable to get them back. I would like very much to have every copy of the *Palm* since I have been a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

Please see what you can do for me, and I will remit at once.

Your brother in Alpha Tau Omega,

J. S. VANDERVORT.

GREEN BUSH, GA., May 27, 1884.

Dear Brother :—I enclose \$1.00 for the *Palm*, with many apologies for not having subscribed long ago.

I entered the law office of Col. Dabney, in Rome, Ga., soon after graduation, but was called home. Will enter a law school in September. I have the honor to be, sir,

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

W. HOOD LITTLE.

SAVANNAH, GA., May 10, 1884.

Dear Brother:—What in the world is the matter with the *Palm*? I have not received a copy since the December No. You surely must have overlooked my name in sending to subscribers. It is my inability to overcome my desire to see every No. of the *Palm* that makes me trouble you.

Please send me all back Nos. since December.

Hoping to receive them soon, I am,

Fraternally, yours,

C. J. GROVER.

GOLD HILL, ALA., June 16, 1884.

Dear Brother:—Our State Association has its annual meeting in about ten days, and I would like to hear from you directly as to what we should do in regard to sending a delegate to the next Congress. I would be glad if you would make any suggestions that you may think advisable.

Fraternally and affectionately, yours, in Alpha Tau Omega,

J. S. N. DAVIS, JR.

HARTFORD, CONN., May 28, 1884.

Dear Brother:—Can you tell me, or put me in the way of finding out, whether or not we have any Alpha Taus in the neighborhood of Columbiana or Shelby Iron Works, Shelby county, Alabama? I have a friend who is going there, and as he is a foreigner (Swede), as well as a perfect stranger, it would give me much pleasure to smoothe things out a little for him.

The *Palm* is first-rate this time. I think it improves daily, weekly, and whenever it comes.

Yours, in Alpha Tau Omega,

FRANCIS H. EASBY.

BURDICK, Taylor Co., Ky., June 4, 1884.

Dear Brother:—Enclosed please find one dollar, which is a subscription for the *Palm*. Am sorry that I have not been more prompt in sending it in. I wish the *Palm* much success, and hope to be a permanent subscriber to the same.

Your brother, in Alpha Tau Omega,

J. T. CALDWELL.

ROCK MILLS, ALA., May 19, 1884.

Dear Brother :—I enclose postal note for two dollars. Please send to my address the numbers of the Alpha Tau Omega *Palm* which I have missed, and replace me on your subscription list. How is the P. H. Council getting on?

Fraternally,

W. SPOF. STEVENS.

WILSON, N. C., May 8, 1884.

Dear Brother :—The last number of the *Palm* received was Vol. III, No. 4. I write to inquire about the next number. When will it be out? I am anxious to know of the progress of our Fraternity, &c.

Yours, in Alpha Tau Omega,

JNO. F. BRUTON.

MACON, GA., May 23, 1884.

Dear Brother :—The *Palm* at hand to-day, and full of good news. I meet with the boys to-night. They are preparing a grand banquet for the State Association and the young ladies of the *Alpha Tau Omega Reading Club*. There will be between 150 and 200 present. We are getting up an Annual, the profits on the advertisements of which (not will, *but has*) netted them \$75.00.

When did or does my subscription to the *Palm* expire? Let me know, and I will remit. Love to all.

Yours in haste,

W. B. BIRCH.

DAYTON, W. T., May 17, 1884.

Dear Brother :—Enclosed find note for \$1, subscription to *Palm*.

I expect to go down to Oregon and attend commencement exercises. Will try to see some of the "boys" from the State University and do what I can for Alpha Tau Omega.

Fraternally yours,

W. H. HOLMAN.

BAKERSVILLE, Somerset Co., Pa., May 22, 1884.

Dear Brother :—As I have been on the "sick list" for the last three weeks, I have sadly neglected a duty which I will attend to at once.

Alpha Tau Omega Palm.

Please send the *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*, Vol. IV, Nos. 1 and 4, to Bro. Harlan Page Mentzer, Ringgold, Washington Co., Md. I will remit his subscription with my own in a month or so.

I will write to you soon again.

Hastily yours, in Alpha Tau Omega,

C. W. BAKER.

LOS ANGELOS, CAL., April 26, 1884.

Dear Brother:—Yours of 17th instant at hand. When I can consult with Judge Ross and Faberlin I will write you in reference to the Alumni Association of Alpha Taus in California and the matter of a chapter at the University.

Yours, in Alpha Tau Omega,

M. L. WICKS.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 12, 1884.

Dear Brother:—Will you please send me my copy of the *Palm*, if it has come out, to my present address (44 South Bay)? The last number I got was before I left the University (December number). I hope to see you before long. I expect to go North in about two weeks, and am going to stop by for a short time.

Yours fraternally,

I. K. HUNTER.

RALEIGH, N. C., June, 1884.

Dear Brother:—Here are seven subscriptions to the *Palm*. You shall hear from me soon.

Yours, in Alpha Tau Omega,

WALTER H. PAGE.

OXFORD, GA, June 1, 1884.

Dear Brother:—Please send my next *Palm* to Greensboro', Ga. Be sure to send it, as I would not like to miss one.

Yours, in Alpha Tau Omega,

F. G. CORKER.

AUBURN, ALA., May 17, 1884.

Dear Brother :—It has been a number of years since you were with us, and as I am confident that there never was a chapter that would be gladder to see you, if you can do so, we would be indeed glad for you to come down next commencement and stay with us. The exercises will begin on the 22d and end on the 26th of June. If you can't come, write us a letter, as we are in need of more communications from the leading lights of the Fraternity.

Yours, in Alpha Tau Omega,

W. L. HUTCHINSON.

CHAPEL HILL, N. C., June 29, 1884.

Dear Brother :—Knowing full well the deep interest you take in the success of every Alpha Tau, I enclose two or three articles having reference to one of our brothers. They will give you some idea in which he is regarded by the public. In love and enthusiasm for his Fraternity, he is surpassed by few. He is one of the charter members of the A. H. Chapter.

With kind wishes to yourself and family,

I am, fraternally yours,

W. T. DORTCH, JR.

NORFOLK, NEB., May 6, 1884.

Dear Brother :—Your kind letter I hoped to answer in person, but my time will be so limited I very much fear I can't get to Charlottesville. I shall stop in Baltimore next Sunday, thence to New York, where I shall be busy two weeks buying our fall stock, but I *hope* to get back a week to Baltimore and Alexandria. In that event, I shall try and run up to Charlottesville, as I don't like to go so near my old home and pass it by.

Will you kindly give me an order on our New York jewelers for such Fraternity jewelry as I desire?

Please direct to care of Sumner, Parratte & Co., 616 Broadway, New York.

I leave Nebraska Thursday night. With my best wishes,

Yours affectionately,

G. M. DARROW.

MEMORIAL DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM THOMAS LOCKE.

(Oregon Alpha-Sigma, '81.)

Died, at Myrtle Point, Oregon, August 14, 1883, of typhoid fever, William Thomas Locke.

Brother Locke was born near Independence, Polk county, Oregon, April 17th, 1860, and remained with his parents until 1880, when he entered the McMinnville College. Here, however, he only remained one year, better facilities offering at the Agricultural College, Corvallis, which he entered in 1881. The writer first made his acquaintance at Corvallis, and wishes now to testify to the fact that his uprightness, integrity and strength of character soon made him a general favorite with teachers and schoolmates.

He returned to college at the beginning of the next year, but his health failing, he, by the advice of his physician, left college and went to Southern Oregon, where he engaged in teaching, and where his health was so greatly improved that he returned to his home in June.

In July he led one of Corvallis' fairest daughters to the altar, and a few days later, followed by the good wishes of hosts of friends and with the highest anticipations for a happy and prosperous future, they departed for Myrtle Point, where they had decided to make their future home. But, alas! for the futility of human hopes and calculations! In three days from the time of their arrival, he was attacked and prostrated by typhoid fever, and, after battling with the destroyer for three long weeks, he was at last forced to succumb.

The remains were brought home, and on the 17th of August, all that was earthly of our brother was consigned to the tomb by kind and loving friends.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. R. N. Bell, and were attended by a large concourse of friends.

Brother Locke had been for several years a devout and consistent member of the Baptist church. Cut off thus in the early bloom of his manhood, with life opening beautifully before him, surrounded on all sides by friends, and with a lovely and trusting young bride by his side ; with love, hope and ambition beckoning onward and upward, the annals of our Fraternity can show no sadder case than that of our Bro. W. T. Locke. In him the Fraternity has lost one who seemed to be thoroughly imbued with the noble principles of Alpha Tauism, and who realized that "we are brothers, not by accident of birth, but by deliberate choice."

But if the loss falls heavily upon us, how much more so must it be to her to whom he was her all ? Still we can do no more than extend to her and to his bereaved and widowed mother the sympathy of *brothers*, and commend them to the care of "Him who doeth all things well."

"Farewell ! 'but not forever,' Hope replies ;
Trace but his steps and meet him in the skies !
There nothing shall renew our parting pain ;
Thou shalt not wither, nor we weep again."

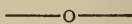
W. H. HOLMAN.

NECROLOGY.

Alfred Marshall (Va. Alpha).	W. M. Reed (Tenn. Iota).
J. C. J. Clay (Va. Beta).	Samuel Hill (Tenn. Gamma).
T. W. Bond (Ky. Omicron).	E. G. McClanahan (Tenn. Theta).
Stephen Ranney (Ky. Mu).	E. D. Wooley (N. C. Xi).
J. L. Brower (N. C. Xi).	Vernon Via (Va. Delta).
J. W. Whitfield (Ky. Omicron).	Frank W. Walker (Va. Alpha).
W. K. Smith (Ky. Mu).	W. T. Burdett (Va. Delta).
J. A. Shaw (N. C. Xi).	T. C. Lumpkin (Tenn. Lambda).
Saunders Irby (Va. Delta).	T. B. Edmiston (W. Va. Zeta).
T. G. Ivie (Tenn. Iota).	A. O. Battle (Tenn. Lambda).
J. G. Blackmon (N. C. Xi).	D. C. McKay (Ky. Mu).
B. A. Gray (Va. Delta).	J. C. Kinckle (Va. Beta).
T. W. Currin (Tenn. Iota).	J. R. McD. Irby (Va. Delta).
W. S. Stephens (Tenn. Lambda).	J. A. Crichton (Va. Alpha).
D. T. Bridgforth (Ky. Mu).	E. C. Mix (Va. Epsilon).
Walter T. Jones (— Alpha-Delta).	E. D. Campbell (Va. Beta).
John. M. Armstrong (Va. Epsilon).	W. B. Seawell, Jr. (Ky. Mu).
George Watson (Va. Alpha).	B. F. Atkinson (Ala. A. E.).
C. A. Ellett (Va. Alpha).	John T. Malone (Ga. Alpha-Beta).
T. P. Crawford (Va. Rho).	Adrian Fleming (N. C. Xi).
George C. Humes (Va. Delta).	John C. Janney (Va. Epsilon).
R. C. Ballentine (Va. Delta).	Gilbert D. Wilkinson (Va. Delta).
P. H. Lightfoot (Va. Alpha).	P. H. Clarke (Va. Delta).
W. A. Langhorne (Va. Alpha).	W. T. Brock (Tenn. Lambda).
T. H. Bridgforth (Ky. Mu).	Jos. D. Addison (Va. Phi).
A. Strachan Jones (Va. Beta).	W. Arthur Allen (Ky. Mu).
Isaac Paul (Va. Eta).	R. P. Williamson (Ga. Alpha-Theta).
Rufus E. Murrow (Ga. Alpha-Zeta).	Wm. Thos. Locke (Oreg. Alpha-Sigma).

NOTE.—The members whose names are found in the above list have been reported to our WORTHY GRAND KEEPER OF ANNALS as *deceased*; but the particulars as to the *time, place or cause* of death are known in the case of only a *few* of them. Members and others who possess such information, or who know of *other* cases of death among the members of the ALPHA TAU OMEGA FRATERNITY are earnestly requested to correspond with the Editors of this Journal—to the end that we may add to our other Annals a *full and accurate register of our Dead*.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.



GREEK NEWS.

—*Phi Gamma Delta* has entered Wittenberg College.

—*Delta Upsilon* has an annual encampment at Lake George.

—*Phi Gamma Delta* is said to be dead at the University of Pennsylvania.

Phi Kappa Psi and *Psi Upsilon* are preparing Fraternity Histories.

—A successful Convention of *Zeta Psi* was held in New York January 4th.

—Fifteen graduates present at a *Psi Upsilon* Convention may cast a vote as a chapter.

—The Constitution of *Beta Theta Pi* strictly prohibits combinations of all kinds in colleges.

—A chapter of *Sigma Nu* has been established at Mercer University, Macon, Ga., under favorable auspices.

—The Rainbows, which until recently have had but two chapters, are reported as having entered the University of Texas.

—"Preps" are not allowed to be initiated in the Greek Letter Fraternities. The prohibition comes from the Faculty.

—Although there are quite a number of *Sigma Chi*s at the Virginia Military Institute, no chapter of this Fraternity is chartered there.

—Davidson College has repealed its anti-fraternity laws. We hope this example will be followed by the University and other colleges of North Carolina.

—It is with regret that we learn that although all the Frater-

nities at Amherst have Chapter-Houses, some of them are heavily mortgaged.

—The report comes through *Sigma Chi* that all the chapter of *Phi Delta Theta*, except one member, at Hillsdale, Mich., have been expelled.

—*The Scroll* is responsible for the statement that *Beta Theta Pi* has a Chapter-House, which is now adorned with the sign "For Rent."

—The same journal says that *Kappa Sigma* is initiating men at Vanderbilt with a view to reorganizing next year its chapter there, which has been extinct for several years.

—We are sorry to learn from trustworthy sources that three members of the *Phi Delta Theta* Chapter at Roanoke College have been expelled from the chapter.

—An effort is reported as now being made to re-unite Southern and Northern *Kappa Alpha*. It is strange there should be any delay about so desirable a thing.

—*Kappa Delta*, a local society at Syracuse, New York, has been absorbed by *Phi Kappa Psi*. The new chapter begins with thirteen members.

—*Phi Delta Theta* imposes a tax of \$3.00 on each active member to defray the expenses of her convention. The financial condition of this Fraternity does not seem to be as good as generally supposed. *The Crescent* is responsible for this information.

—*Phi Delta Theta* has revived her chapter at Knox. The new chapter is said to owe its life to the recent expulsion of five members of that Fraternity from Monmouth College.

—*Delta Psi* and *Delta Kappa Epsilon* seem to be dividing the chapter of *Sigma Alpha Epsilon* at Oxford, Miss. And *Delta Kappa Epsilon*, not satisfied with this accession, "lifts" the founder of *Kappa Sigma Kappa*, at the same institution.

—A local Fraternity, known as *Phi Theta Psi*, at Lehigh Uni-

versity, was absorbed by *Psi Upsilon*. It is now known as the *Eta* chapter of that Fraternity, and the chapter was duly installed February 22d.

—The Brown & Williams chapters of *Alpha Delta Phi* were “lifted” from *Beta Theta Pi*. They seem to have prospered in their new connection.

—*Beta Theta Pi* now has a subscription list of 2,000, and has lowered its subscription price to \$1.00. The Journal has but met with the well-deserved success which its good management had a right to expect. It is more fortunate than other and equally as good journals of which we know.

—*The Delta Upsilon Quarterly* tells us that the Sigma Chi Fraternity has at last carried out the oft discussed plan of a central fraternity bureau. The plan was accomplished by appointing a paid general secretary.

—We learn from the same source that *The Phi Delta Theta Scroll* suggests the appointment of a State agent for the distribution of that journal in each State where the fraternity has chapters. We commend this plan to other journals, and would like to be able to get agents to undertake such a distribution for our own journal.

OUR EXCHANGES.

The Delta Gamma Anchora.—This first number of a new Fraternity journal comes to us in the shape of a neat pamphlet of 16 pages, double column. It is the organ of the Delta Gamma Fraternity, a society of young ladies, numbering twelve chapters. It is published by the Eta Chapter, Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio.

It gives us great pleasure to place the *Anchora* on our exchange list, and from the good beginning made in this initial number, we shall expect it to do good work in the Greek Letter cause. It starts well, by giving attention to its history in the

reminiscences of its Psi Chapter. The second Convention met in May with the Eta Chapter. The proceedings show that the young ladies are alive to energetic means in pressing the interests of their Fraternity. It was here that the *Anchora* was born. This one act, if there were no others, would have made the Convention a great success. We wish our new sister every happiness.

The Shield (Phi Kappa Psi).—The May number is unusually good. Mr. Gotwald is altogether right when he says:

“We cannot afford to allow our graduates to grow indifferent and cold, after a few years’ separation from college. We must enlist them in the interest of the Fraternity; and if this is to be done by the organization of graduate chapters, let us adopt a suitable constitution for the government of such chapters. We have G. C., G. A. C. and Sub. C. Constitutions; let us have a Graduate Chapter Constitution.”

The “Tour of our Western Chapters” reveals a healthy condition of chapter-life among the Phi Psis. But what pleases us most in this number is this sentiment, taken from the Editorial Department:

“The editor has striven to eliminate the personal factor from every sentence he has written, and to express nothing inconsiderate, intemperate or unfair; the spirit in which he has written has been a courteous one, and he expects a like spirit to be manifested in the articles which he accepts for publication.”

Noble words, Bro. Editor! Don’t be driven from this position, and you will make your journal and Fraternity an honor and an ornament to the Greek world.

The Scroll (Phi Delta Theta).—The last number is full, containing 45 pages of interesting matter. The editor, however, has not had much to do, for 33 pages are taken up with letters from 41 chapters. What he has done is well done, the editorial being practical and to the point, and the notice of Other Fraternities fair, kind and discriminating.

The Record (Sigma Alpha Epsilon).—New editorial hands appear upon the June number. Changing hands as often as it does,

it is a wonder this journal keeps up so well. The present number compares very favorably with its predecessors. Eleven chapters report themselves as in fine condition. The article "Chapter Life" is so good, we shall give it in full elsewhere. Mr. Guerry gives his brothers some wise advice in view of their approaching convention. As to all the fraternities, to which he particularly refers as having been successful in retaining a hold upon their alumni, he is not well informed. We trust the next convention of this worthy Fraternity may be a most pleasant and successful one.

The Crescent (Delta Tau Delta).—The April number is the last one we have received. The "Greek World" of this number is very satisfactory. We are glad to note one improvement in this particular. The time was when no journal showed so much enterprise in this important matter as the *Crescent*. We think, upon the whole, the number before us is the best one we have had for a long time. The lines at the dedication of Eta Hall are very good, and the communication from Zeta, entitled "A Problem," is a searching and timely one. The solution offered will accomplish the best results, if heeded. An editorial shows that the division conferences accomplish the most good for the Fraternity. *The Scroll* and *Beta Theta Pi* are honored by selections from their valuable pages.

The Sigma Nu Delta (Sigma Nu).—The opening article in the May number is capital. It would be well for every journal to copy it. Let Sigma Nu hold to the motto, "Quality, not Quantity," and its ultimate success is assured. This number is the best one that has yet appeared. There are seven chapter letters and a good exchange department. It would be wise in all chapters to heed the article entitled "Membership."

The Delta Upsilon Quarterly.—Reminiscences are always interesting, and particularly is this the case when they are as well told as "Campaigning Days," with which the April number of the *Quarterly* opens. Of like character is the next piece, "Rise

of Delta Upsilon at Union." As remarked in an editorial, "It is an excellent illustration of the change in relations between our own Fraternity and the secret orders." We are glad to notice the department, "Letters from Alumni," and no part of this number is more interesting than these letters. There are but two Chapter Letters in this issue, but this is, doubtless, to be accounted for by the quick succession in which the last two numbers appear. The Exchange Department is full and sprightly. We must beg our valued cotemporary not to think we are given to "self-laudation." We confess to a little of it in the article referred to, and in this way most humbly apologize to the Greek world for it, but the provocation was great to speak as strongly as possible in behalf of ourselves on account of an attack which had been made upon us, which attack, doubtless, escaped the eyes of our Delta Upsilon friend. We beg leave, too, to call the attention of the *Quarterly* to our *ten* Northern chapters.

The Beta Theta Pi.—How good soever the poetry of "St. Urbon," its theology is bad and its tendency dangerous. We have great disgust for the "Saint" without the practice, but we have greater dread of the "Moral Man," without a recognition of the supernatural. Deliver us from both extremes! The perfect man was neither of these. "Fraternity Studies" are continued in this April number, and we are sorry to see that they are to be concluded in June. "Two Graves" would be well enough for a literary magazine, but many such pieces in a Fraternity journal would bury it. "Reunion of Union Betas" has the right ring, and the "Letter from Urglin" makes us envious that Alpha Tau Omega has not such a delightful plan in progress. As usual, the Editorial Department is spicy, but scarcely up to the usual standard of this suggestive journal. *Beta Theta Pi* is certainly to be congratulated if she makes but "few mistakes in the selection" of members. The statement surprises us, for the editor often warns against the exaggeration of chapter letters. We expect, in this matter, *Beta Theta Pi* is like the rest of us. The material varies not only at different institutions, but

in different sessions at the same institutions. A pertinent question is asked in the following :

"Our long-talked-of, long-bragged-of, long-anticipated new song-book has at last been issued, and now what? Why, our history. Is it not about time for the 'History of Beta Theta Pi' to put in an appearance? The yearly report at our conventions is growing tiresome, and we earnestly hope that the work may be forthcoming soon. The admirable series of papers presented this year in our magazine by Brother Wm. R. Baird, under the heading of "Fraternity Studies," has been of high value and interest, but is, necessarily, only a brief outline of events. A detailed history of our Order will be full of interest, and will find a ready sale with live Betas. Our 'new song-book' has long been a standing joke with other Fraternity men; let us not furnish more sport to them. Fraternities twenty years our juniors are getting up histories, and putting the matter right through. Shall *Beta Theta Pi* be behind in this new movement?"

May we heed the suggestion and bestir ourselves in this vitally important matter.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly.—No. 3 of Vol. II is full of good sights and good reading. Nothing more assuredly bespeaks the substantial character of this Fraternity than the engravings of its Chapter Houses which adorn the numbers of this excellent journal. Here are facts not fancies, and facts are powerful arguments. This is a wise, and as far as the outside world is concerned, one of the most important features of the *Quarterly*. Nor are the libraries to go in these beautiful halls far behind in importance. With such a place for them, libraries may well be urged, and the plea for them is well put in the opening article. In view of our coming halls and for the benefit of the several that already exist, we give this :

"Set apart a special room for the library. If you have only a single shelf of books, put them there, name it the library, and let it grow up to its name. There will be plenty of rooms in the house for conversation, and smoking, and noise; make the library a pleasant, quiet, bookish room, where members who wish a retired place to read or study can come and be sure of finding it. Its furniture and surroundings must depend on the circumstances of the chapter. Make it like a private library, following or improving upon such suggestions as Appleton's Home Books give.

Supply it with every convenience for literary work. Make it the model library; an incentive to each member to surround himself in his own home with similar advantages.

"With such a library faithfully cared for and used, the graduates of Delta Kappa Epsilon will go out into the world loving better and appreciating more both their Fraternity and their college, better fitted to take their place in the larger republic into which they then enter, better trained in the minor details of that literary work in which every graduate must more or less engage."

In the following piece, Mr. Warner proves Bayard Taylor to have been a Delta Kappa Epsilon, good and true. Most appropriately Mu's history goes along with her Chapter-House. When we read the history it is not hard to understand how "the hall rose like an exhalation." Very happy, indeed, the contrast between the Washington banquet of 1853 and 1884. What is said of Washington as a good centre for alumni work may well be heeded by our brothers, many of whom are there. "The Part of a Chapter in College Reform" shall speak for itself later on, and we beg the further privilege of giving in full, substituting Alpha Taus for Delta Kappa Epsilons, this timely call:

"To every Reader, especially Graduate, Delta Kappa Epsilons:

"We urge your attention—First, to the advertisement at the close of the reading matter of this number for 'Information Wanted' as to Delta Kappa Epsilons whom their chapter and the council have so far been unable to find, or as to whom full particulars are lacking. The work of the new catalogue is fast advancing, and the need is therefore immediate for the missing particulars which, as to each, shall renew with him the acquaintance of his college friends, or preserve the memory of his life, now ended. Any memorandum in such regard is welcome, since any particular, trivial in itself, may prove a valuable clue. Second, to the council's list, on one of the following advertisement pages, of items which it lacks to perfect the Greek library collection it is now forming. The scope of such a collection may be guessed from its numerous wants while yet in embryo. Its value will be simply inestimable to the writer on any phase of 'Greek' or college development, and the difficulty of making it at all complete is so great and obvious that we feel justified in asking and expecting the co-operation of all who can aid us in the slightest

degree. Remember, any one pamphlet may be just the one that, in the strange chances of collections, it may be impossible to find elsewhere. Do not wait to ask us what we want, or when we want it. Nothing will come amiss, and *Bis dat qui cito dat.*"

The Exchange Department of this Number is exceedingly full—fuller than any other journal we have received. The Chapter Letters are many and good, and the Personals too many to count.

The Sigma Chi.—This number (April) deserves a place alongside the number of the journal just reviewed, for the two are alike in being the very best of the journals which demand our attention in this issue. Here, again, the notice of the Greek Press is very full. We must thank our kind friend for the flattering notice of the *Palm*. It is appreciated, coming from the source it does, and we will take the liberty of giving it in full hereafter. The "White Cross at the White House" reminds us of similar experiences, and show the value of our enlisting the fair sex in our respective Fraternities. We trust Kappa Kappa will come out gloriously successful. The convention of Sigma Chi meets at Cincinnati in August. The editorial upon it is earnest and wise. We hope it may call out a hearty and full response. The article "The Grand Secretary and the Magazine," goes to show that both of these instrumentalities are essential to the highest possible success of a Fraternity. We are disposed to agree with the writer. For some time the conviction has been deepening in our minds that a paid secretary would pay any Fraternity. Such a secretary might be used most happily in connection with the work of the magazine. We let the writer sum up for himself:

"The Fraternity could well afford to pay at least five hundred dollars a year, and many alumni would lend substantial aid in advancing a scheme that would materially advance the general interests of the Fraternity. * * * * It is a conglomerate mass now; a snarl that needs unraveling—a 'grand secretary' with power can make us homogenous"

Twenty-one chapter letters, a numerous personalia and much hellenistic news conclude this exceptionally good number of *The Sigma Chi*.

The Star and Crescent of Alpha Delta Phi, *The Zeta Psi Quarterly*, *The Chi Phi Quarterly*, *The Phi Gamma Delta*, *The Kappa Alpha Magazine* and *The Golden Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma, have not come to hand. This we greatly regret, for we know their absence is our loss.

KIND WORDS FROM OTHER GREEKS.

[From a Chapter Letter in Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record.]

There are now but two Fraternities here (Kentucky Military Institute) besides ourselves, Alpha Tau Omegas and Phi Delta Thetas. The Alpha Taus are a fine set of fellows, appreciating the meaning of a Fraternity, in the highest sense of the word.

[From the May Number of Sigma Nu Delta.]

The *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* for March makes No. 1 in the fourth volume. The *Palm* is blessed with good editorial management, and this number, as usual, furnishes much choice Fraternity reading. It is pregnant with Greek news. "Counsel for the Defence" writes a capital argument for *sub-rosa* chapters.

[From the April Number of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly.]

The *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* for December contains a forcible article on the importance of and method of keeping chapter annals, a discussion of *sub-rosa* chapters, in which the pros and cons are equally well presented, and a very full department, "Other Fraternities," which, under a sub-head, "Voice of the Greek Press," gives a full selection of editorials published in other Greek journals. From this number we also learn that Alpha Tau Omega, at the University of Virginia, is gathering funds for a Chapter-House.

[From the April Number of The Sigma Chi.]

We welcome the *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*; and while its last issue contains little of general interest, we must confess a hidden attraction in the tone which seems to permeate the work of its editorial management, a tone of elevated morality and reliance upon the truth and permanence of fraternal unity in the pursuit of worthy ends. There is a persistent effort to carry into practical effect the teachings of lofty principles, such as our brother

Hufford urges upon us in the present issue. It is a theme to which it will be difficult to give too much attention. The Fraternity system is founded on a practical faith in the trustworthiness and permanence of *character*; and character is but the resultant of our moral forces. The order that attempts to ignore morality can never attain the highest success; the chapter that fails to recognize it must fail of its noblest mission. It may achieve apparent success, but the deep, strong undercurrent of fraternal attraction flows only from a reliance upon the supremacy and permanence of morals. Here alone we have a foundation upon which can be erected the idea, fraternity; and the Rev. Otis A. Glazebrook is building wisely and well for the future of Alpha Tau Omega. We are no disciple of the sanctimonious Pharisee; but we urge with the strongest emphasis upon every chapter of Sigma Chi a practical, manly recognition of the foundation truths of morality and Christian integrity. Do not forget that your Fraternity professes to be built upon *individual honor*. The essence of honor is morality, and without morality it becomes a mere hypocritical pretence. Let the honor of Sigma Chi be the pure honor of the Christian gentleman, the highest type of human excellence. Let all infractions of its laws be met with the unswerving condemnation of our chapters; and the future of our order is assured. The strong words of the *Palm* are our own: "We do not fear to teach and appreciate the nobility, the sacredness, the dignity of friendship. We shall not dread, but rather pity the Apemanthus who prays for no man but himself; and we shall cherish the great principle of Alpha Tau even when college days have been forgotten and the burdens of sterner life press heavily. For it goes out beyond the chapter halls; it reaches out into human life, and underlies the lessons of the Great Teacher."

THE VOICE OF THE GREEK PRESS.

Ritualism.

[From The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.]

Ritualism may tend toward formalism, but there is a beauty in the adherence to an established form in service and ceremony that nothing impromptu or extempore can have. It is a significant fact that the forms and ceremonies in use among us lose nothing by comparison with those of any other Fraternity, and any ignorance of their usefulness must be to the great discredit of every live member of Phi Kappa Psi.

We have urged many times upon the attention of individual chapters the necessity of a thorough familiarity with our form of initiation, and in several instances we know that it has been used *memoriter*. We cannot quite subscribe to the suggestion in a late issue that a perfect knowledge of our forms be made a qualification for eligibility to office, but we can heartily indorse the sentiment prompting the utterance.

Initiations do not occur so often that ample opportunity may not be given for officers to perfect themselves in their duties, and we deem it incumbent upon them to do so. We have had opportunity to be present at a great number of ceremonies when "barbs" were made full-fledged Greeks and in various chapters. Were these columns the proper place to describe our experiences, we might surprise many brothers by our recital, inasmuch as we would scarcely be able to recognize the initiations as being those of our own Fraternity, so much discrepancy was there between them.

Argument or discussion is not necessary to sustain the position that a dignified and impressive rendition of our ritual, wherein every participant is master of his duty and position, is very much to be preferred, and as the impression upon an initiate depends very largely upon his induction into our mysteries, great carefulness should characterize the methods employed to familiarize him with them.

CHAPTER LIFE.

[From the Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.]

A chapter, in our sense of the word, is a distinct and detached portion of a brotherhood, and though detached and distinct, still it is connected with the whole by bonds which, although they may be visible, yet have an influence that is not the less strongly felt. And as the chapters compose the whole, so the members form the chapter.

The first thing that strikes us with regard to each member is his relation, which, from its nature, is two-fold:

1. Of the member to the chapter.
2. Of each member to all the others.

Again, the analogy holds good, for we must see that as is the relation of the chapter to the order, so is it of the member of the chapter, and so with the relations of the individual chapter.

Then let us consider the life of each member with regard to his chapter; and here it is his duty manifestly to make it as much

as possible a unit, and that, too, a unity of brothers. This can be done in no better way than to make the meetings of the chapter sociable and agreeable, and improving mentally and morally. Let each brother strive to come to these meetings with something which will at least entertain the chapter; and there is another point which we must not pass over, that is the spirit with which we attend the meetings, for if one member is out of temper this will disturb the presence as an harmonious whole, and discord once introduced continues at least for that occasion. Further, when each brother is preparing with a view to entertain the chapter, let him see to it that he presents something that will elevate and refine. Now, it is a prerequisite for the true enjoyment of that social intercourse which should take place at every meeting of the chapter, that there should not only be gentlemanly deportment, but we must have system which will, at least, keep order in the hall. For a meeting without order is like a ship without a rudder.

Now, as to relations between individual members, the ordinary way of showing our interest in a member of our chapter is to infuse a little more warmth than is customary into our greetings, to say: "Hello, old boy, how are you?" with more than usual affability, and occasionally to drop into his rooms for a short visit.

But it must be evident even to the most casual observer that, if our brotherhood is to fulfill its purpose, that there must be something more—a something higher than this—which evinces more effectually the true, the beautiful and the good in character, and the point of our investigation is reached when we ask how can this be done?

For an answer to this question we must go back to that document which is the keystone of our order. This, it is needless to say, is the Constitution, and there we find that in the proper cultivation of the tastes and aspirations therein inculcated we may be benefited each by the other. This shows us, then, what it is our duty to do with regard to our brother members; for instance, we must give them that advice and assistance for which one naturally looks towards his brothers. And in doing this we must strive, by constant companionship and watchfulness, to throw around each of our brothers that influence which will lead him surely, though never insidiously, to the higher and better in life, and cause him to hate all that is low and debased in human nature.

Do not imagine, however, that because this is all easily said, its performance therefore is easy; for long and patient care must enter into the process.

There is another point to which I would draw your attention: the manner of your bearing towards initiates. Let them feel as soon as they have been pledged that there is a difference, and a great one, between their former and present social status. If this is done they will look at the Fraternity with that exalted idea of respect and reverence which is so much to be desired.

These thoughts, perhaps, are stated in a rambling and disconnected way, still the writer feels confident that if the suggestions are adopted members will look forward to the meetings with more pleasure and the purposes of our Fraternity be advanced.

A FINANCIAL SCHEME.

[From the Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.]

We have given long and close study to the subject of finances, and have at length perfected a scheme which we are willing to present to the Fraternity for adoption. It is, of course, useless to expand upon the great importance of this subject. It is a very difficult matter, however, to adjust the assessments so that there may be no unequal burdens, and to regulate the collection of them so that there may be no excuse for any failure to understand what amount is due, when it is due, and to whom it should be paid.

Phi Delta Theta has rather plumed itself on its excellent financial system. About ten years ago the plan of per capita assessments for the expenses of delegates to conventions was adopted. This feature, which makes the assessment the same in proportion to active membership, whether on a chapter near the meeting-place of the Convention, or one distant from it, has been universally approved. Six years ago the plan of an annual assessment on the chapters for the support of the *Scroll* was provided for, and we have no hesitation in saying that this provision has been the life of our journal. There are still some defects in our system, however. One of the troubles at present is that frequently a chapter will pay the dues of the members it has at the first of the year, but neglects to remit for those initiated during the year. The greatest fault, however, is that the Convention-tax is levied only once in two years, so that members who drop out of college before it is levied do not pay their just proportion. Moreover, this assessment is much heavier and harder to pay when it comes all at one time, at an interval of two years, than it would were it divided into two payments. The injudiciousness of this was first spoken of in the *Scroll* last year by the President of the Gamma

Province, and it is brought up again in this issue by the President of Zeta Province.

Now, we propose that the assessment for *Scroll* and general expenses, to be paid by all members in the chapters on October 1st (or on the opening of the year in each college), shall be \$1.50, and that the same be paid as well by all members initiated between October 1st (or the opening of the college year) and January 1st; that \$1 shall be paid for the same purposes by all initiated between January 1st and April 1st; and that 50 cents shall be paid by all initiated between April 1st and July 1st (or the close of the college year). One-third of these amounts should be put in the general fund, and two-thirds applied to the *Scroll*. The amount which would be derived for the general fund would be none too large for the rapidly growing needs of the Fraternity. We believe that under this system there would be very much less confusion, and misunderstanding, and friction, in collecting the tax, than there is now, and that nearly every dollar which is due for the *Scroll* would be collected. If the chapters be required to make quarterly reports of membership to the catalogue compiler, or some General Council officer, as we have suggested in these columns, the T. G. C. can always compare his receipts from each chapter with its quarterly report, and tell whether it is delinquent, and if so, exactly how much.

Adopting the plan which has been proposed, we would recommend that a tax of \$1.50 for Convention expenses be levied April 1st on all members in the chapters at that time, and on all who are initiated between April 1st and the close of the college year.

The date, April 1st, is selected because the chapters are generally fuller at that time than at any other time in the year.

We also recommend that the general fund, *Scroll* fund, and convention fund, each be kept entirely separate from the others, and that the T. G. C. be not granted power to use any part of one fund for other purposes than that for which it is intended. We think that an annual tax of \$1.50 (or \$3.00 in two years) will always be sufficient to pay the railroad expenses of the delegates to the convention, unless it is held in a very inaccessible place; but before the T. G. C. refunds any money to them, he should require them to furnish him with an account of their railroad fare; and if the amount of the convention fund in his hand is too small to pay in full with the other necessary expenses, he should prorate the amount among them so that all may be treated alike, and the money not run out before the last man can get paid, as has happened at several conventions.

THE PART OF THE CHAPTER IN COLLEGE REFORM.

[From the Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly.]

The *Quarterly* has never been half-hearted in its assertion of the rights of Fraternities. Nor has it been slow to recognize their responsibilities. Of the latter, however, there is one which we feel deserves special mention—not that it has been evaded, but that intelligent public opinion has too generally misapprehended the attitude of the Greek chapters in such regard—that is the office of co-operating with the institutions at which they are situated.

We may as well face at the outset the fact that the opponents of college secret societies have something to say on their side. It is urged that Greek prosperity has been coeval with the decline of our debating societies, which once wielded a grand influence in college training. This is absolutely true. President Robinson, of Brown, says that Greek organizations necessitate absence in term time to attend conventions and other Fraternity gatherings, and that breaks in regular class duty, however short, are injurious to the discipline of the college. He is right. Ex-President White, of Purdue, asserts that a body of students who look with disdain upon those pursuits which their institution is created to foster, and who incessantly demand instruction in lines calculated to wean them from such pursuits, is a nuisance. We agree with him.

To be sure the above "charges" can be easily met. Even if the Greeks were to pass out of existence, the old literary societies, in which fifty years ago the boys who attended the then isolated colleges found at once recreation and profit, would still be impossible among the older youth with time well filled that frequent the universities of to-day. And, could they be revived, it would be a question how much proportionate practical use they would now be in a community in which accurate written expression is every day more valued, but in which the influence of oratory has been long and steadily on the wane. To President Robinson's suggestion the answer is easy. First, that on inspection the actual evil dwindles almost to the vanishing point; and second, that if it is balanced against even a few of the matters which stand to the credit of the Greeks, the latter will instantly outweigh it. And, even if the assumption involved in ex-President White's statement were true, this would show, not that the

fraternities lack or have failed in a beneficent mission, but that the Greeks at Purdue are inconsistent young men, and that Purdue, for the simple reason that it is not a seat of liberal learning, is no place for them.

These, however, are mere samples of the objections that are urged against fraternities, and while they are comically weak when urged as reasons why Greeks should not exist, they are more weighty when viewed as considerations which the chapters should regard. It is the duty of the latter, not merely to justify their existence by the benefits which they confer upon their members and incidentally on the student community, but, so far as possible, to remove all legitimate ground for opposition by avoiding interference with the working of the institutions where they are situated. The existence of a chapter is justified when it is shown that the balance of its influence is to the good; its methods are justified only when they are calculated to secure the greatest possible good with the least possible conflict with other means of culture. And it is therefore incumbent upon each chapter for itself, and upon the Fraternity at large for all, to so arrange meetings and convention gatherings as to interfere as little as may be with regular class work. This, we believe, is done not merely by Delta Kappa Epsilon, but by all Greeks. So far the way is clear. But the chapters owe to their institutions the more important and delicate duty of giving positive moral support to every legitimate method by which such institutions attain the objects of their existence, and of resisting every movement, old or new, from within or without, which lessens their efficacy. Of these, the first is much the more easy, since simple loyalty to one's *alma mater* is a virtue not puzzling to exercise. The other, however, is peculiarly liable to abuse, this even more from undue or impolitic exertion than from error in its aims. That in our colleges reforms have been necessary, that in many respects they are so yet, no one will deny, nor is it doubtful that their suggestion has been greatly due to the student—to the Greeks. But that there have been many ill judged "reform" movements is equally certain. As to any proposed reform, whether affecting the marking system, faculty supervision, optional studies, a change of professors, or an alteration in the curriculum, the first question to be decided affirmatively by the chapter before supporting it should be: Is it on the whole best for this institution? And that it is so is not always proved by the fact that the questioners find it agreeable, or even profitable to themselves. Here, Greek chapters have one great practical advantage over other bodies. They are in close and sympathetic communication with

the alumni, who, on the one hand, are familiar with the customs and studies of the college, and have learned to regard with a practical eye the methods used, and, on the other, have such an influence over the chapter that its action is almost invariably in accord with their advice and approval. So far, therefore, a Greek chapter is a conservative body and not prone to be carried away by mistaken notions of what is needed at its institution. There is, however, a second question, even more important and too rarely asked: Will our assistance profit either the cause or ourselves? The present is the day of alumni participation in college government, and in our most prosperous institutions their suggestions have been extensively followed. The result has been that the moving spirit has affected under-graduates. They are apt to regard the example of the alumni as one to be imitated by themselves, and, naturally, when the alumni urge a reform, the practical reasons for which they appreciate, make haste to do battle themselves for its cause. Too often, as a result, the inconsiderate lengths of student zeal in support of reform—especially in the direction of student liberty—has led its authors to doubt whether their efforts were not ill judged. And many a worthy movement has been discredited by the insubordination which has characterized the campaign of its student promoters. Such faults are but the more natural from the close sympathy which exists between Greek alumni and under-graduates. We believe, however, that, as a rule, reform is rather retarded than helped by any act of the student which goes beyond direct expression to the authorities of his convictions; that, when the student finds the methods of his institution such as are not to be tolerated, he can best express his convictions by dropping from its roll; that, in short, while he chooses to attend a college, he can do so profitably only in subordination to its constituted authorities, and that he will retard, not hasten, reform by causing it to be confounded with rebellion. He owes, as the alumni does not, respect to the regulations fixed by those who, under any system, must be his college superiors. And the influence of the chapter, as we believe, should be exercised within the lines afforded by the constitution of the college as it finds it. Its alumni will be not less active or less influential for having tested by obedience or tolerance the regulations which it shall be their duty to reform. Not that we for a moment suggest sufferance by the student of any trespass on his self-respect, such as is too frequently the result of the pedagogic system—fit only for pupils, not for students. But this is rarely exercised otherwise than against individuals. For such cases there is no solution except for each to guard

his own dignity. And it would probably be better, should both authorities and students understand that of these cases separation, not conflict, is ever the inevitable consequence. Far better such a conclusion than that other too frequent one, when, faculty and student, having been both to blame and generally both rash, the sham dignity of the former is preserved by coaxing and wheedling the latter into apparent submission. As for chapter action, until it is ready to leave in a body—and such instances must be rare—it should be characterized by loyalty to the institution to whose usefulness it is auxilliary.

“HOW DO I STAND?”

[From the Sigma Chi.]

Will you please permit me, Brother Editor, in this number of our magazine to give expression to a few of my wandering thoughts? Thoughts that have not been the products of a *moment* or the result of *one* action, but which have been occasioned from time to time by a familiarity with the history, words and deeds of many of our brothers; and, believing mankind to be pretty much the same the world over, I think they would apply to our Fraternity at large. Not that we have anything special, startling, new or wonderful to relate, but if we can succeed in directing the minds of our brothers in the desired channels they will have an abundant supply of rich food for serious reflection.

And *first*, a few questions for our *individual* and *thoughtful* consideration. *How do I stand* in relation to those *great fundamental* principles of our most illustrious order, upon which rest our intellectual, social and moral development? Do I earnestly strive daily to make them manifest realities, *ever* seeking by my lips and by my life to confess and make substantial and imperishable those living truths to which our beloved Fraternity holds and upon which it is *forever* founded? Do I display an adequate amount of *pure unselfish* love for my brothers, and necessarily then for my Fraternity, which is *multi in unum*? Examine yourself, then, candidly, in the clear light of reason, with an unbiased judgment, to see how you stand in relation to these questions. Recognizing the “*humanum est errare*,” we fear lest at times there is an undue amount of carelessness and neglect and likewise an inadequate realization of the manifold duties and weighty responsibilities devolving and resting upon us as true supporters of our proud standard—*Blue and Gold*. Having thus made the test, if we have not come up to the standard, let us

frankly confess and resolve for the future to be more manly and more watchful in duty. Do not say, however, that you *failed*, but ever act so that you may say, "I have not done as much as I could have done, or will do in the future." Let us say, *truly*, that in the life which Sigma Chi marks out for her noble sons, there is no such thing as *fail*.

But while we urge a more strict observation to such considerations, we should remember in the *second* place that to be *men* and true Sigs we must reach out in our affections beyond the confines of our own order to our fellow-traveller upon the rugged highway of life. Let our love be so broad, so deep, so comprehensive in its character that it will embrace all classes and conditions within our reach. This alone is worthy of our higher and better nature.

In this age of scientific discovery—an age characterized for its rush and grab for the dollar—an age distinguished by its mechanical and electrical improvements, self has been and is many times and with many people becoming the sovereign; and the thoughtless thousands are eagerly and blindly casting themselves as complete slaves and devotees at its unhallowed shrine. In the broadest sense of the term, "every man's our brother." To what higher and grander do you aspire than to have your name recorded in imperishable letters upon the immortal scroll of the world's benefactors? They "who fill our firmament with primal duties that shine aloft like stars and scatter at our feet like flowers, the charities that soothe, and heal, and bless." How beautifully blend and mingle here the *fraternal* elements of the glittering stainless emblem which our Fraternity wears. To be a true and loyal Sigma Chi is, should and must be a distinguished honor—an honor which but *few* merit and to which but *few* attain. How *unostentatiously* proud we should be, who have this enviable and peculiar honor! How necessary, then, for us to be on watch, carefully guarding our own selves and studying well mankind in general, choosing only those avenues which we know conduct to true greatness, hastening slowly but surely, relying upon *self*; for

*We build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the starry skies.*

Do you wish another guide added to our present number? If so, we can point to none other with more pride than to the fundamental motto in the eventful life of the hero of the South—the immortal Robert E. Lee—"There is a glory and a true honor; the glory of duty done and the honor of integrity of principle."

As we thus go forth as loyal Sigs, with our foundation centered upon and deeply laid in the purity, changelessness and immobility of truth itself, with our mysterious signs, pass-words, grips, and mottoes, some written in human records; and others again unmistakably written upon the bright records of the spirit; and others still imprinted, in all their purity and loveliness, upon the "White Cross," let us not fail to engrave this, as with a "pen of iron and the point of a diamond," upon the tablets of our youthful hearts. Going forth thus well equipped into the stirring conflict of life, we are well assured that unbounded success will crown our efforts. This, our age, is pre-eminently practical. It calls for *solid* men. Men of honesty and integrity—men who have the moral stamina to stand and face the dangers which unruly opposition may create, bravely battling for the cause of truth and justice and the freedom of thought and action. It calls again for men of strictly practical ideas. There is no place for the modern dude. If your ideal lies here, my brother, you had better get immediate transportation to another clime. Kid-gloved dandies with tooth-picked shoes are pushed aside by real men. I trust none of our number wish to be found here. But there is still another class, somewhat on the order of our dude, most prominent in our college communities, known *professionally* as the "*masher*." He it is who is versed in all the intricacies of the amorous art; whose highest ambition is to excel in the *social* circle, and for this end he will neglect all his duties. We would advise him to try and get passage in the next expedition to discover the North Pole. However, we trust that none of our brothers may ever have occasion of even *thinking* of an arctic expedition. A final remark on the "*masher*," which *observation*, not *experience*, has taught us to make, is that he is *always* "*mashed*" *most himself*.

I trust these few general observations by a brother may be for our mutual good, inciting us to greater efforts in the cause we have espoused, leading us to renewed zeal, earnestness and vigilance; prompting us always to—

"Do noble things, not dream them, all day long,
And so make life, death, and the vast forever, one grand sweet song."

Come, then, let us rally around our common standard in the unity and purity of a deep, broad, eternal and fraternal love; for we know that in union such as ours, there is unmeasurable strength, bound indissolubly, as it were, with a golden chain, rejoicing together in common triumphs, honors and fortunes; and again more closely and sympathetically connected in the com-

munion and fellowship of kindred hearts as we bow *together* at the dark altar of adversity, and *together* wing a unitedly earnest and tender prayer to the Great White Throne, and *together* lift and cast aside the dark veil which may perchance, for a time, curtain our pathway, and *together* we shout and hail the effulgent and dazzling splendor of the "White Cross," as it gleams forth, scattering the dark shades and dismal gloom, stimulating, encouraging, beckoning and bidding us "onward and upward," and pointing out for us a bright and happy entrance—

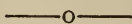
"Through the portals
Of the blessed land immortal."

Let us advance in solid phalanx, with burnished armor, pointed bayonets and unsheathed swords, conquering and to conquer, as in the past, and eagerly pressing forward to the mark of our high calling. And as we gather to bid a touching farewell and brotherly adieu at the hallowed and mystic shrine of Sigma Chi—just before entering the busy arena of life—let us kindle and rekindle the flame of sacred love until our whole natures are thoroughly permeated and aglow with a burning desire to attain its lofty ideals and an eager longing to follow its beautiful truths.

Then will true success be ours, and another fadeless wreath be woven to entwine the honored brow of Sigma Chi; if, as Goethe has beautifully expressed it, we go forth—

"Like as a star
That maketh not haste,
That taketh not rest,
Be each one fulfilling
His God-given best."

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.



CAN THERE BE A STANDARD?

The question is constantly being asked, "What constitutes a good Fraternity man?" No one has been able so far to give a satisfactory answer, and the reason for this is evident. No two chapters are alike; each has a standard of its own, and no two standards agree. We know a Fraternity which has only two live chapters, and the characters of the two differ so widely that we doubt whether either would recognize as brothers the members of the other. Take some Fraternity which has over thirty chapters, and it is certain to have among its members men who are the antipodes of each other. One chapter strives after scholarship, another after influence in college politics, the only desire of a third is to have the most members of the German Club and the drivers of tandem teams, while the object of a fourth is to get as many members as possible without regard to color, race, or previous condition.

How, then, is it possible to lay down a standard which will apply to all these cases? No standard *can* be given, and each chapter must be allowed to follow the bent of its own inclination. *One* general rule, however, *can* be laid down—that *all members shall be gentlemen*. That single requisite covers a multitude of faults.

The chief objection to this variety of taste exhibited by the different chapters is, that when a Fraternity man goes from one institution to another, he often finds himself connected with a chapter between whose members and himself there is nothing in common. A member from the Dude Chapter looks with contempt upon his newly discovered brethren, who wear no silk hats and whose time is spent, not in leading Germans and making

"mashes," but in contending for college honors and winning the first places in their classes. The hard-working student is equally out of his element when he comes in contact with the Dude Chapter, while now and then an outraged theolog. loses all confidence in the Greek world when he sees the publicans and sinners of a neighboring chapter throwing up a copper for cream or beer.

It is hard for these discordant elements to unite, and we sometimes have the remarkable spectacle of two chapters of the same Fraternity at one college, neither recognizing the other as the legitimate chapter; or, worse still, we have known one wing to withdraw from the Fraternity and organize a new Greek body of its own.

At our large institutions, some Fraternities have attempted to obviate this difficulty by taking two classes of men into the fold; one composed of the class of fashion "and mould of form element," and the other of the "toiling sons of hope" species. The first wing makes a fine impression upon the "calico," and furnishes good "end men" on all public occasions. The other keeps up the good name of the chapter among the professors, and shows up well on examination days. An associate member always finds himself at home with one of these classes, and sometimes the plan works like a charm. But occasionally the two elements clash, and then there is dire discord. Many readers of the *Palm* remember a noteworthy instance of this kind which occurred in one of the large Southern Universities a few months since. One of the most powerful chapters in the South was divided against itself, and fraternal feeling will hardly be completely restored until another generation of students comes on.

How to bind these varying parts into one harmonious whole is the question of most importance to the Greek world. It cannot be done by laying down a fixed standard of membership, for such a standard would become a Lesbian rule in the hands of the va-

rious chapters, and for reasons above stated would never succeed.

The success of a Fraternity in overcoming this difficulty must depend on the respect and love each member bears the organization. If he has for it the regard he *should have*, it will require very little effort to overlook the mote he sees in his brother's eye. A can have a friendly feeling for B, although B does not dance with airy grace, or even does not dance at all; B can cultivate a friendship for A, although A "corks" on recitation occasionally, and is "plucked" on examinations. Even a slight aversion for a man can be overcome by one who feels that in doing so he advances the interests of his Fraternity. We have never been, nor do we ever expect to be one of those who constantly try to cover up the glaring sins and inconsistencies of club-mates, and to make that white which, to the eyes of all, is perfectly black; but a little more forbearance towards the imperfections of our club-mates, a little more recognition in others of that worth which we ourselves do not possess, a little less of the "I am Sir Oracle," and the remembrance of the fact that others may differ from us in taste and habit, and still be gentlemen and good Fraternity men—these things would go a long way towards uniting the heterogeneous elements of a large chapter. There is no sensible reason why one brother should not admire and like qualities in another which differ from his own. Surely there are no greater contrasts in history than Alexander and Diogenes, yet Alexander said, "Were I not Alexander I would wish to be Diogenes."

THE SESSION OF 1883-1884.

By the time this issue appears, the session of 1883-1884 will have closed. Such periods afford good opportunity for review and reflection.

Our Fraternity has much to be thankful for in the last nine months. The five new chapters that have been established are

remarkably promising ones. We have been very careful in each case before granting permits, in one instance insisting upon recognition by the Faculty, which was promptly given. We have declined several applications. The average membership of the new chapters is 10. They are located in different sections of our country, and are in connection with growing and successful institutions. No chapter has died during the last year, but several which have given us some concern, and were even reported dead by the Fraternity press, have greatly revived. Indeed, this has been a revival year with us. When our policy of extension was determined upon and vigorously pushed for a while, we expected failure and disappointment to some extent. We had much to contend with. In more cases than one, be it said with a blush for the good name of Greeks, there was a determined effort to crush us out. We were misrepresented—let us hope it was done through ignorance—we were deceived and betrayed in several cases by unworthy members; but, in spite of all, these struggling chapters lived on; and, having passed through this most trying period of their chapter-life, bid fair to become permanent at their several colleges. We can certainly say that our position is better assured to-day than it ever was before.

But a great deal remains for us to do as a Fraternity. Extension need not any longer give us concern. Our work now is not to extend, but to strengthen. We are strong enough in the number of our chapters. The practical phases of a healthy development demand our attention. The work of our chapters in future must be to build chapter-houses, at least collect funds for such a purpose, secure and preserve accurate statistics, write history, insure the existence of the chapter from year to year by a wise selection of the right men in the right classes, obtain the approval of faculties and the respect of students by a firm and consistent adherence to the principles of Alpha Tau Omega, and give a cheerful and generous support to the general officers and agents of their Fraternity in their efforts for the common good.

But while all this is going on, let us cultivate the deepest, truest love for our brothers. We can't believe any Fraternity holds its members in stronger, dearer bonds of love than we do. It has been said more than once during the past year, "See how these Alpha Taus love one another." More than for our successful extension or projected plans do I value this compliment, as the harbinger of greater and more glorious successes in the future. It is the bond of a faithful and forbearing and appreciative love that shall endure when everything else fails; and it is this loving and beautiful unity which shall draw large-hearted and long-headed men to us in the midst of the divisions and deceits and heartlessness of a world which has been well-called "cold and hollow."

PUBLICATIONS IN WHICH ALPHA TAUS ARE INTERESTED.

We are glad to observe that a spirit of journalistic enterprise pervades many of our colleges. At several of these institutions we have chapters, and find that our brothers are very active in this connection. We know of but one chapter that edits a journal on its own account. This chapter is Georgia Alpha-Zeta, whose *Tablet* is before us now. Such a venture speaks volumes for the energy of this most excellent chapter. The magazine is a double-columned one of 18 pages of interesting reading matter. We hope other chapters will follow the good example set by our Mercer boys. We rejoice with Alpha-Zeta in the good work she is doing for the Fraternity.

The chapters at Stevens, Washington & Jefferson, Mt. Union and Adrian unite with other Fraternities at these respective places in editing annuals. We are sorry more of these annuals have not been sent us. One has been forwarded, and it is of this one we especially wish to say a few words. We have never seen so complete and beautiful a college publication as the *Bolt*, lately gotten out by several of the Fraternities of Stevens Institute.

We are exceedingly proud of the part Alpha Tau Omega had in this excellent work. Bros. Harlow and Boynton worked incessantly for it, and great has been their reward. We understand the first edition was at once sold, and that the professors recognize themselves and the Institute as under great obligations to the young men who have obtained this triumph. We will not attempt a description of the annual itself. Most of our chapters have received copies, and all are high in their praise of it. It is destined to do Stevens much good, and we can't but believe that the success of the *Bolt* must rebound, too, to the credit of the Fraternities that assumed its responsibility. It would seem that there is more life in our Stevens chapter than some of our friends have been willing to concede; and if we mistake not, the future of this worthy chapter, which has existed in the face of almost every imaginable difficulty, is now assured. We know no hands in which we would sooner trust the honor and life of our beloved Fraternity than in those of such men as Harlow, Boynton and Wilks.

Let Alpha Taus not be behind in identifying themselves with the best interests of their institutions, and they will soon be looked upon as indispensable auxiliaries to the highest possibilities of college development.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to all who were concerned in the brilliant achievement which places the *Bolt* at the head of all college annuals.

ALL HAIL!

The following correspondence explains itself. We but voice the sentiment of all Alpha Taus when we say, "Welcome, thrice welcome, dear brothers!" We wish you every success in the name and under the fostering care of our grand brotherhood;

FARMDALE, KY., May 25th, 1884.

Dear Brother :—I write you to let you know that the delegation from Richmond, composed of Messrs. W. E. Cabell and J. C. Hardin, arrived here on the 24th, and were duly initiated into our Fraternity. From what I learn from them, our prospective chapter at Richmond will prove a grand success. We were all very much pleased with the above-named brothers, and think that if they are a fair sample of the ten, we could not possibly wish for better material. Please let them have all the necessary books and papers as soon as possible, as they are very anxious to be in perfect running order by the 1st.

Hoping that this new chapter will prove a success, and an honor to our beloved Fraternity,

I remain, yours fraternally,

H. M. STUCKY.

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY, RICHMOND, KY.,
May 26, 1884.

Rev. O. A. Glazebrook, University of Virginia :

My Dear Brother :—It is with the greatest pleasure that I inform you of what I suppose you have already heard from Bro. Stucky, of the Kentucky Military Institute. Mr. J. C. Hardin and myself paid them a visit at the appointed time, 24th May, and were duly initiated into the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. We are more than delighted with our success thus far, and our prospects for the future. We found an excellent set of young men (members of Alpha Tau Omega) at Kentucky Military Institute, and were greatly pleased with their chapter and the most worthy Alpha Tau Omega. The remainder of our men are exceedingly anxious to be initiated, which we will do as soon as you send the constitution and secret work of the Fraternity. To whom must we send our initiation fees? Please send constitution, &c., as soon as possible, and we will remit immediately.

Please answer at once, and give us any information that may be necessary.

We were readily recognized by the Faculty of Central University. We all send our sincerest thanks for your exertions, and that of others, in our behalf.

Yours, fraternally,

W. E. CABELL.

FRATERNITY STEEL PLATES.

There are two beautiful steel plates in the hands of Mr. Dreka, our engraver. One is a cut of the Coat of Arms, two and three-quarter inches square, and the other a combination of the Coat of Arms, Shield and Monogram. Any chapters needing such designs can get the proofs from Mr. Dreka. These plates are left with the engraver in order that the chapters may avail themselves of them at a small cost.

THE NEW CHARTER.

Be patient, brothers. There has been no lack of good faith, only a want of means. The design has been completed for months, but the expense of such a plate as we want is greater than was supposed. Congress was thought to have made a very liberal provision for it, but it was not enough by half. In a few weeks it will be all right.

OUR NEXT NUMBER.

As the next number must be gotten out during vacation, there can be no Chapter Letters. Let this great deficiency be more than supplied by Alumni Letters. We hope many of the alumni will, upon the reading of this, immediately send on letters, telling about themselves and speaking words of cheer to all brothers. Such letters are of inestimable value in their influence upon the Fraternity at large. May the next number be rich in such treasures.

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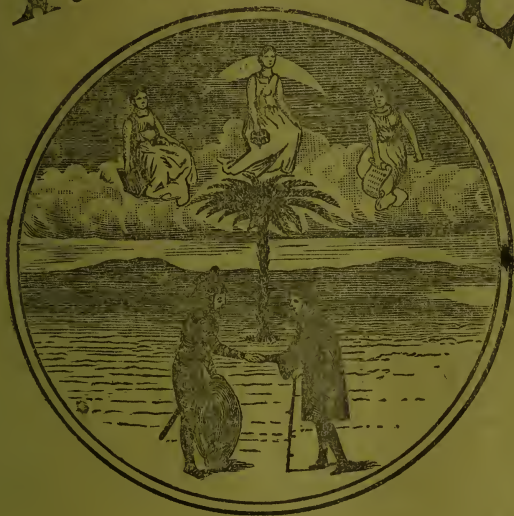
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REPRESENTATION AT CONGRESS.

It behooves every active chapter to be represented in the coming Congress. It would also be well if every State Association could send one or more delegates. And this not only to swell the number present, but that such delegates might go back to their respective chapters and associations, and tell them by word of mouth what they have seen with their own eyes and heard with their own ears. The effect would be, in all probability, to have at least one member of every chapter intensely enthused and familiar with the general working and composition of the Fraternity at large. Such delegates would be as agents sent out to revive interest in any lukewarm chapter, and to confirm the zeal of such chapters as are already deeply interested. The life of the chapters would be quickened by the favorable and earnest reports of its delegates, and every chapter would feel it had a real and personal part both in the enactment and responsibility of all measures that might be passed by the Congress. The interest and views of every chapter would be represented by that one the chapters themselves might think they could best entrust their interests to, and there would be less disposition to find fault, or hesitation to obey the instructions of the general body, when such instructions were in fact a part of their own voice and wisdom. Every chapter not represented by its own delegate—one perfectly familiar with the experience and needs of his chapter

and capable of carrying back intelligent and discriminating views of the work done—is doing itself a great wrong and putting the Fraternity at large in the disadvantageous position of legislating for chapters of whose wants and opinions it has not been authoritatively informed.

Let every chapter and association, therefore, leave no means untried to insure representation. If necessary, let the expenses of the delegate be paid out of the chapter exchequer. The money could not be spent in any way that would make a better and quicker return. Insist upon the best man you have being the delegate, and then see that his presence is made sure by an adequate provision for his necessary expenses. H. R.

A GENERAL SECRETARY.

We would like to call the attention of the Fraternity at large to the importance of securing the services of a general secretary. We believe the time has now come when the best interests of the Fraternity demand such an officer.

Such a Secretary should receive a liberal compensation for his services, and should be held responsible for the discharge of such duties as may be assigned him at the time the office is created. We do not propose to define these duties, but we do know that the burden of correspondence now thrown upon some of the general officers is very great, and that the various calls upon them are so many and varied that it would take up the greater part of the time of any one of them if these calls were promptly and fully met.

We believe that such a Secretary would be of great service in connection with our most valuable and indispensable Journal, and that at least in the business management and clerical work of the *Palm*, abundant work could be found to engage the constant attention of one man.

We would like to see some such official, with such a liberal salary as to command all of his time, appointed by the next Congress. The choice of the man, and the duties and salary of the position we can safely leave to that wise body. The need of the office itself is what we wish to emphasize. A. B.

AN ANNUAL CONGRESS.

Would it not be well for Congress to meet every year? The expense of a meeting of Congress, as far as the general exchequer is concerned, is not much greater than the yearly meeting of the High Council, which is now required by our law. Many reasons occur to us why we think such a change desirable. To mention but a few: the more intimate acquaintance of the chapters and alumni; the more speedy correction of any errors of legislation made by any Congress; the more constant enthusiasm that is produced by such assemblies; the more frequent opportunity of keeping the interests of the Fraternity before the eyes of the chapters and the world at large; the increased ability to have such influential gatherings at points in the United States where it might be desirable to make a demonstration in advocacy of the interests of the Fraternity.

Doubtless there are two sides to this question, and our officers must have had good reason for adopting the biennial plan. Our circumstances, however, have greatly changed, and it would seem that there are more reasons now for the annual than the biennial conclave. Let us have all sides presented and discussed in the *Palm*, so that the wisest conclusion can be reached at Philadelphia. DELTA.

SOME RESOLUTIONS.

We respectfully submit the enclosed resolutions for the consideration of the *High Council* and Fraternity at large, and hope

they will receive their approval. They have been heartily endorsed by the members of our chapter :

ALPHA PSI CHAPTER HALL, WITTENBERG COLLEGE,
SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, June 7, 1884.

To the High Council of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity :

Whereas the time of issuing the *Palm*, the official organ of our Fraternity, is now quarterly ; and

Whereas this long interval between the numbers tends to weaken the interest in Fraternity and other matters therein treated ; and

Whereas, in our opinion, our Fraternity is able, with the co-operation of her chapters, to issue her journal oftener, and thereby quicken the spirit and increase the interest of all concerned ; therefore

Resolved, That the *Palm* be issued *monthly*, instead of quarterly, and

Resolved, That, if necessary to meet the additional expense thereby incurred, that the subscription be increased to \$1.50 per annum, and that its present size be diminished.

BEN. F. TAYLOR, *W. Master.*

LET SUB-ROSAS ALONE.

It is with much pleasure I hear on every hand of the steady advancement of our Fraternity. There is to my mind but one way to bring about the ultimatum of our Fraternity idea, and that is for each and every brother to feel that upon him rests the reputation and honor of Alpha Tau Omega.

In the past few copies of the *Palm* I notice considerable discussion in regard to sub-rosa chapters. This may all be of great benefit to the general Fraternity, yet I cannot but think that many of those who not only oppose, but stigmatize the sub-rosa chapters, are not qualified to the extent that they should be to make such statements. There is not a single member of our Fraternity but feels the pulse of pride as he wears the Maltese cross, whether it be worn visible to the multitude, or he only

knows its presence. Some say that the brother will be more zealous of his rectitude when the badge is worn publicly. This, I think, a wrong to every Alpha Tau; for my own part I know those who I have been pleased to meet do not need the visible badge to keep them true to their Fraternity and the maintenance of a good character. Only those who have belonged to sub-rosa chapters which have come from beneath the bush can rightly judge the matter. I believe the unanimous opinion of such would be, that as long as it is deemed best by the chapter they should not only be allowed to exist, but encouraged to remain sub-rosa. As far as known, nothing detrimental has ever been contrived by a sub rosa chapter that might not be accomplished by one not sub-rosa. The best chapter work done is not only planned secretly, but carried out secretly. By these means you draw attention to your chapter not as a chapter, but as a body of young men banded together for good purposes. Of course you have the inward assurance that the results are those which would naturally spring from the principles of Alpha Tau Omega, but the ever watching public knows of no such fountain of beneficence. Now, then, if such a body of young men continue to bear the fruits of true gentlemen, how much greater the honor to our Order when, after being firmly established and not under ban of the institution, you then let the public see that you are Alpha Taus. Should the institution continue to prohibit the fraternity, I would advise remaining sub-rosa until the obnoxious law was repealed. This appears to me the typical method of establishing a chapter; at all events my observation leads me to this conclusion. Some think where the faculty and trustees object there should be no chapter chartered. I have great respect for the authorities of our institutions, but when a company of men supposed to represent the true type of manhood meet together and deliberately legislate against college fraternities, they then forfeit the respect that would be otherwise due them. We all know their true plea should be ignorance, but they disdain any

such plea ; we then try them for malicious intent to destroy the fraternity idea. My true conviction is that our opponents are now growing weaker and weaker, having flourished, if at all, during the distant past. The coming generation is our hope, and I feel confident justice will be done. Let me in conclusion caution my brothers in *A. T. O.* Be careful that nothing should come from any, and especially from those not belonging to sub-rosa chapters, that could in any way discourage any of our chapters who are by the command of authority kept sub-rosa. Let us on the other hand do all we can to encourage them, knowing that when their time for open membership does arrive, they will be the better for having served sub-rosa.

N. W. T.

SOMETHING ABOUT THE GEORGIA STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The committee of seven to which the affairs of the Georgia State Alumni Association had been referred, with power to act, met in Macon on the 7th of August. After carefully considering the whole matter, it was decided to reorganize the Association. The committee agreed to recommend the adoption of a constitution, drafted by a sub committee, consisting of Bros. A. I. Branham, E. V. Bradly, and L. E. Williams. There being a sufficient number of brothers in the city, it was decided to call a meeting of the Association for August 11th. At this meeting, the constitution recommended by the committee was adopted, and it was decided to go to work immediately.

In accordance with article 3 of the constitution, the following officers were then elected: President, A. I. Branham (*Ky. B.*); Vice-President, Rev. Charles Lane; Secretary, L. E. Williams (*Ga. A. Z.*); Treasurer, John Farrar (*Ga. A. O.*).

The constitution also provides for an executive committee consisting of the officers of the Association and three other members, all of whom must reside in the same city or town.

Accordingly, in addition to the above-named officers the president appointed Brothers E. V. Bradly, W. B. Birch, S. E. Chambliss.

The Association then adjourned to meet in Macon, Ga., October 30th, 1884.

As this meeting occurs during the Georgia State Fair a large attendance is expected. There are quite a number of Alpha Taus in the State, and the influence of these will be valuable to the Fraternity in whatever direction it may be exerted. A plan of work will be prepared and submitted to the Association, and we think we are now enabled to do better work than ever before.

The Executive Committee has formed an excellent plan of work, which will not only bring about a closer union of the brothers in Georgia, but will also give plenty of work to the alumni brothers. Quite a large number have expressed their willingness to go to work, and now we expect all to put their shoulders to the wheel and advance the great cause of Alpha Tau Omega, not only in Georgia, but all over the United States.

We have prepared an abstract of the constitution, and will send it to any Alpha Tau on application. In this number of the *Palm* will be found a call for the meeting.

We invite to the meeting not only brothers in Georgia, but all others who may be interested and desire to attend. We are making all necessary preparations for the comfort of delegates. Committees will meet all trains coming into Macon from Tuesday, October 28th, to Thursday, October 30th. All who come may rest assured that they will be royally entertained, and will enjoy the meeting. We would be glad for all who intend to come to inform us as soon as possible.

L. E. W.

A GOOD PLAN.

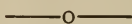
The Executive Committee of the Georgia State Association, Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, has placed a registry book at the establishment of Brother Eugene Chambliss, Cherry street, between Second street and Cotton avenue, Macon, Ga. This book is intended for the use of all members of the Fraternity who may at any time visit Macon. Brother Chambliss' store will be a sort of general headquarters for members of the Fraternity in Georgia, and in the registry book may be found as complete a list of Fraternity men and addresses as we may be able to obtain.

Any visiting brother may have access to this book, and will be expected to record therein his own name and address. Another fact may be noted, and that is that all members of the Fraternity will find the Executive Committee of the Georgia State Association ready to serve them at any time in any way possible. We shall be glad to have you call attention to these matters in the *Palm*.

Our present plan for the Georgia Association has been in operation two weeks, and already beneficial results appear.

A. I. B.

MISCELLANY.



OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA FRATERNITY,
OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN OF THE HIGH COUNCIL,
September 15th, 1884.

To the Chapters, Alumni Associations, and Brothers at Large :

The Ninth Biennial Congress of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity will convene in parlor "C" of the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa., at 11 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, December 29th, 1884. The sessions will continue for three days, the banquet taking place on the night of the 31st.

Every chapter and State Alumni Association is entitled to one vote, and it must be distinctly stated in the credentials which one of the delegates shall cast the vote of said chapter or association. All members of the Fraternity are entitled to seats and a voice in the Congress, but only accredited delegates can vote.

The following local committees have been appointed by the Pennsylvania Tau Chapter and they will be respected accordingly :

Committee of Arrangements—Bros. Jones, Magee, Percy, Ash, and Sharpe.

Committee of Reception—Bros. Smith, Bates, Dorsey, Stoops, Ash, Bellis, and Sharpe.

Headquarters will be at the Continental Hotel, at which the rate for board per day will be \$3. Delegates and visiting brothers will report immediately, upon arrival, at headquarters. It is hoped that the brothers will wear badges. Chapters and Alumni Associations are urged to send delegates, and every Alpha Tau is most cordially invited to be present.

This office will most cheerfully give any further information that may be desired.

Fraternally yours,

OTIS A. GLAZEBROOK,
Chairman of the High Council.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA FRATERNITY,
HEADQUARTERS GA. STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION,
Macon, Ga.

To all Alpha Taus in Georgia :

A meeting of the Georgia State Association of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity is hereby called for Thursday, Oct. 30, 1884, at Macon, Ga.

Every member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity in Georgia is invited to be present, and every member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity in Georgia is entitled to membership in the State Association upon filing his name with the Secretary and paying a fee of 25 cents.

We call attention to the fact that the membership of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity in Georgia is large, and that the Fraternity's influence is valuable in whatever direction it may be exerted.

We earnestly insist that you be present at the meeting of the State Association.

Committees will meet all trains from Tuesday, October 28th, 6:45 A. M., until Thursday, October 30th, 8 P. M.

All necessary arrangements will be made for the comfort of delegates.

We emphasize the fact that *all members of the Fraternity in Georgia may become members of the State Association.*

Fraternally yours,

ALFRED IVERSON BRANHAM, *President.*

CHARLES LANE, *Vice-President.*

LUCIUS ELIJAH WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

JOHN FARRAR, *Treasurer.*

EDWARD VINCENT BRADLY,

WILLIAM BENJAMIN BIRCH,

SAMUEL EUGENE CHAMBLISS,

Executive Committee.

CLIPPINGS.

*The Prize Article of a Virginia Delta—Thoughts on
“King Lear.”

[From the University Magazine.]

Our literature abounds in excellent examples of æsthetic criticism, but perhaps a larger share of such criticism has been bestowed upon the dramatic works of Shakspeare than upon any of our other great classics. Schlegel, Coleridge, Hazlitt, De Quincy, Wilson, and a host of others, have left us essays on these subjects worthy of themselves, and valued by the lovers and students of Shakspeare. Let us pause a moment in an effort to discover the aim, the merit, of this class of criticism, and its relation to the original. The essays of those writers just mentioned neither substitute nor supplement the plays; yet they are not redundant and unnecessary. Of course there are obscure passages in Shakspeare as in every author, but barring the obscurities, we can truly say that a just appreciation of him is not, as it is of Milton, “the last reward of consummated scholarship.” Of course one must possess some literary taste, must understand the full meaning of the language, to appreciate the plays, but if these requirements be fulfilled, no elucidation of them is necessary.

Elucidation, then, while it may be one of the objects, is not the one professed object of this school of literature. These æsthetic criticisms are of the nature of analyses; they expand upon the original, yet add nothing new; they bring forward corollaries from original propositions. The master-poet had the sublime power of throwing into small compass the thought and feeling, which, if fully expressed, described and analyzed, would fill volumes; yet all described may really be in a few couplets. This unfolding process, as it were, is the task of such criticism, a task by no means easy of accomplishment. The process is distinctly analytic; æsthetic criticism dissects, it strives to answer the questions. Why? and how? This style of criticism, then, does not teach us *to* feel and appreciate, but it aims to express what we all *do* feel and appreciate; it possesses merit according

*The Magazine Medal for 1883-84 was awarded Brother B. C. Ficklen for this article.

as it conforms to the truth of the original, and forcibly presents the author's conceptions and impressions. It is often degraded and made ludicrous by unlawful straining of passages, which springs from a desire to add something new. Moreover, he who writes on such a subject endeavors to give *his* impressions; to point out the beauties *he* sees; to show *his* grounds of admiration; to quote the passages which seem striking to *him*; in fine, to give vent to the feelings which arise in *him* as he reads. If from the fullness of his heart his mouth speaketh, his theme is no unworthy one. In such a spirit, and with such an object as that just described, the following pages have been written by one who, with every fresh perusal, is newly impressed with the power and grandeur of the incomparable tragedy of "King Lear," and is impelled to offer his tribute, feeble though it be, to the genius that conceived it.

GENERAL IMPRESSIONS.

Speaking in general terms, we may call "Hamlet" the great tragedy of thought, "Macbeth" the great tragedy of act, and "King Lear" the great tragedy of feeling. In "King Lear," the play of passion reaches its highest pitch; in this respect it ranks first amongst Shakspeare's plays. There is a perfect flood of passion from beginning to end; the feeling of the play is one great storm in the human heart. The action of the play is shrouded in ever-deepening gloom, broken only by one fitful gleam of joy and reconciliation to enhance the darkness beyond. There seems to be here an upheaval in the moral world; the strongest ties are breaking on every side; that most invariable and lasting inmate of the human breast—filial love—has taken its departure; ingratitude, inhuman cruelty, treachery and lust have usurped its place. This is the groundwork for the most pathetic production of the great master; that pathos at times seems too great; our hearts are wrung with anguish; the contemplation of the scene is too much for us, and we wonder not that the reality drove Lear to madness. We seem to see here darkly shadowed forth the fact that in human affairs terrible consequences often as surely follow in the path of mistake and folly as in that of crime. It is our purpose to consider in a desultory way some of the characters and scenes in this great work of art, and to attempt to analyze their effects upon us. No attempt will be made at a complete and connected paraphrase or narrative; we shall presume that the play is fresh in the memory of the reader, and shall only consider selected portions.

THE CHARACTER OF LEAR.

Of course the interest centres in Lear himself; his character and his part in the action must be rightly understood in order to appreciate the play to the fullest extent. His first acts are "to dower with his curse and stranger with his oath" his favorite daughter, Cordelia, and to banish the faithful Kent. But these facts should not produce the impression that Lear's misfortunes were in any sense *deserved*. Manifestly his sorrows and misfortunes were not deserved at the hands of his heartless daughters, Goneril and Regan, to whom he had given all; nor were they visited upon him as punishment for his seeming injustice to Cordelia. Call them the results of folly, if you will, but *not retribution*. Text and context justify no other view than this. Lear is rash and impetuous, but not intentionally unjust; his choleric and impulsive nature leads to the harsh treatment of Cordelia, whose simple character he does not understand. This separation from his most duteous daughter, the hope and solace of his old age, owing to his own fatal *mistake*, is the first of his misfortunes. What, we ask, has more of the very essence of tragedy in it than the fatal result of a mistake? In the opening scene the venerable monarch, wearied with the cares of state, is about to portion out his kingdom as dowers for his daughters. On this most important occasion it is most natural for the fond old man to expect an open avowal of love. It is his playful whim to pretend to make this avowal a condition of his dower to each daughter, never doubting that it would have come spontaneously. We think that this is the true interpretation, because the Lear that *lives* in the pages of Shakspeare is no driveling dotard; as yet his mind is clear and unclouded by grief, and such being the case, he would never have adopted in seriousness the plan of giving most to her whose words were most honeyed. The text seems to show that the portion of each daughter was the same, and that, when Lear confronted Cordelia with the question as to her love for him, a full third of his dominions was awaiting her. But lo! when he calls upon his youngest, best-loved daughter, he receives an answer which seems to him discourteous and cold; for has not Cordelia's love just a touch of her father's obstinacy in it? He is surprised and vexed; for has he not always loved Cordelia best? The language prompted by her earnest simplicity is immediately misunderstood by Lear; he thinks a dreadful revelation has been made to him; he has been deceived

in Cordelia. The construction which he puts upon her words is shown in his language when he says :

“Let *pride*, which she calls plainness, marry her.”

Overwhelmed by this supposed revelation, the old man is borne along by his passions to the extreme of harshly treating his “sometime daughter.” The banishment of Kent follows from Lear’s first mistake. It is the consciousness of this first mistake which intensifies our sympathy for the afflicted king. A few words as to Lear’s mental and moral characteristics.

On the one hand he is a man of the loftiest intellect and of true nobility of character; he possesses the keenest sensibilities and can love with a wealth of affection; his impulses are generous; he is the very personification of dignity and chivalrous honor. But on the other hand he gives full play to his passions; he is rash, irascible and impatient. The burden of these latter remarks has been to establish the fact that Lear, at the opening of the play, is in full possession of his faculties, and to show that his conduct towards Cordelia is not wanton cruelty nor intentional injustice, but is the result of a misunderstanding of his daughter’s character and his consequent burst of passion. Were not this the true view we would not feel so deeply for Lear in his subsequent troubles. Observe with what consummate skill the great master has conceived the person against whom ingratitude is directed and for whom we are to feel pity. Our admiration is called forth at his noble qualities; though not yet bowed with age, still “nature in him stands on the very verge of her confine.” We are, then, made to venerate him for his age, to feel his majestic presence. There is a climax here. Not only is Lear a man so nobly endowed in mind and heart, but he is a father; not only is he a father, but he is an *aged father*; not only is he an aged father, but he is a *king*—aye, “every inch a king.”

FIRST TWO ACTS.

The first and second acts are said to exhibit the *logic of passion*. With masterly skill they depict for us the hateful characters of Goneril and Regan. The most dramatic passages tell us of Lear’s first faint suspicion of neglect; of his disinclination to believe what is soon forced upon him in that first interview with Goneril; of his feelings, utterly benumbed at first, then breaking forth in a torrent of rage and curses; of his lingering faith in Regan; of his bitter disappointment, his despair, his mad-

ness. It is painful, because all is so natural, to watch the powerful alternations of feeling which Lear undergoes after the first shock. A few quotations: After Goneril's first complaint he simply asks, "Are you our daughter?" And then again, "Your name, fair gentlewoman?" But when all is clear, he exclaims:

"Darkness and devils!
Saddle my horses; call my train together.
Degenerate bastard! I'll not trouble thee:
Yet have I left a daughter."

He is all vehemence now; this is the first burst of rage. In a moment he is reflecting and philosophizing:

"Ingratitude, thou marble-hearted fiend,
More hideous, when thou showest thee in a child,
Than the sea-monster!"

Then later he continues in an agony of rage, his curses coming thick and fast:

"If she must teem,
Create her child of spleen; that it may live
And be a thwart disnatur'd torment to her!
Let it stamp wrinkles in her brow of youth;
With cadent tears fret channels in her cheeks;
Turn all her mother's pains and benefits,
To laughter and contempt; that she may feel
How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is
To have a thankless child! Away! Away!" [*Exit.*]

He returns, his innate dignity struggling with his feelings:

"What! fifty of my followers, at a clap,
Within a fortnight?
* * * * *
I'll tell thee, life and death! [*To Goneril.*]
I am ashamed,
That thou hast power to shake my manhood thus;
That these hot tears, which break from me perforce,
Should make thee worth them."

At times he is even now full of tenderness—until he remembers all, and feels that the breach is irreparable.

"I prythee, daughter, do not make me mad.
I will not trouble thee, my child: farewell.
We'll no more meet, no more see one another;
But yet thou art my flesh, my blood, my daughter;
Or, rather, a disease that's in my flesh,
Which I must needs call mine; thou art a boil,
A plague-sore, an embossed carbuncle,
In my corrupted blood."

It is hard to appreciate, without close study of these passages, how much power and skill are required to present such a picture of rage and grief. When we read these lines we lose consciousness of them as a work of art; we feel them, we are Lear ourselves; and as we feel cognition loses its intensity by a well-known psychological law. Such is the power of these lines that we must resort to abstraction to estimate them from a literary standpoint. Here we have described, not an action, nothing objective, but *feelings*. These feelings had first to be conceived in the mind of the author and then to be described; the latter task was the more difficult. How few descriptions really do produce the desired impressions! But here so transparent has the medium of description been rendered that the picture transmitted to us is identical with that which existed in the mind that conceived it. The manner of describing is what is so marvellous in its success; the feelings are not described to us *as feelings*, for Lear's own words are made the exponent of his feelings. He does not tell us what he feels; he simply speaks, and we thereby *know* and *feel* what *he* feels.

GONERIL AND REGAN: EDMUND.

The ingratitude of Goneril and Regan is the chief feature of the tragedy, and proves Lear "more sinned against than sinning." The consciousness of these two elements, Lear's unfortunate mistake and the ingratitude of his daughters, causes the wonderful pathos of the play. Goneril and Regan are true monsters; though distinct creations, they supplement each other for all that is evil. Objection has been raised to them as literary creations on account of their unnaturalness. But their unnaturalness constitutes the essence of the tragedy; were they not unnatural, we should have no tragedy. Their existence as types is only ideal, or possible; in this sense they are unnatural, but, granted the necessary data, we find them developed into creations—fiends in human shape. All that they say, or think, or do, is true to the promptings of such devilish spirits. This whole play is one of strong contrasts, the line of demarcation between good and evil is clearly drawn; the good in Edgar is set over against the evil in Edmund; the virtue of Cordelia against the vice of her sisters. But the entire story of Gloucester and his sons, similar with respect to the breach between parent and child to the main one, seems to be introduced as a measure for the greater afflictions and sufferings of Lear, and to magnify everything in the main story. For instance, how much do the hideous characters of Goneril and Re-

gan suffer by comparison with the character of Edmund, "toad-spotted traitor," though he be! Much more was to be expected of this wicked pair than of him. His parent had not the claim upon his love and reverence which Lear had upon his daughters. His was the miserable fate of the bastard. His birth was the shame of his parents. That mysterious and holy tie which exists between us and the earthly authors of our being had in his case been ever rudely broken by mocking allusions to his origin. Witness Gloucester's words, in which he jests of Edmund's parentage. Moreover, Edmund is a man, Goneril and Regan are women; and how true are the words of Albany:

"See thyself, devil!
Proper deformity seems not in the fiend
So horrid, as in woman!"

Edmund is a villain, but he seems to have developed into one from bad influences, from untoward circumstances; Goneril and Regan are veritable incarnations of evil itself. Edmund, when dying, tries to undo his villainy, but those monsters are alike incapable of good or repentance. One redeeming virtue might be looked for in the union which existed between them; their subsequent separation, however, demonstrates the fact that their concord was policy, and that no love could ever warm their icy hearts; for their guilty attachment to Edmund is unworthy the name of love. None of Shakspeare's characters are so full of vice as Lear's wicked daughters. In them we have the author's conception of the personified combination of ingratitude, cruelty, lust, and jealousy. The most fearful aspect of their characters is that in the dialogues between them and their father. All through the earlier scenes "Lear's passions seem whetted on their stony hearts." A feeling of desolation comes over the old man, as the conviction steals upon him that the key-notes of his own great soul in vibrating awaken no answering chords in his daughters' hearts. Nevertheless, the very helplessness of his tender appeals gives them a peculiarly pathetic power.

THE THIRD ACT.

This act for dramatic effect is probably unequalled in all literature. Such an impression does it make on the reader, that we always think of Lear as in the storm. It is a terrible picture, and one which can never be justly represented on the stage. Repressed hate and ingratitude have now gained complete control, the gates are closed, the bolts are drawn, and the helpless old

man, now on the verge of madness, wanders up and down the heath in the darkness and the storm. But the physical storm is not the worst. The raging elements find their counterpart in the bosom of the aged king upon whose head they beat so pitilessly. What Lear feels and fears is shown in this soliloquy :

“Filial ingratitude !
Is it not as this mouth should tear this hand,
For lifting food to’t?—But I will punish home,—
No, I will weep no more. In such a night
To shut me out ! Pour on ; I will endure ;
In such a night as this ! O Regan ! Goneril !
Your old kind father, whose frank heart gave all.
O ! that way madness lies ; let me shun that ;
No more of that.”

Lear’s indifference to the storm, his solicitude for the fool, whose half-comic, half-pathetic utterances break in with a melancholy relief upon the ravings of his master, lend power to the scene. His passion has not yet spent its force, but it has taken that reflective turn which leads to madness. His wits are now yielding to the strain ; with perfect truth to nature mania shows itself in his words, when, as he enters the hovel and discovers the supposed madman, he asks :

“What ! have his daughters brought him to this pass?”

This picture of Lear’s peculiar type of madness is an instructive subject for the study of the psychologist. A writer has well said, “there is more justness of intellect in Lear’s madness than in his right senses, as if the indestructible divinity of the spirit gleamed at times more brightly through the ruins of its earthly tabernacle.” We have, at least, as fruits of that madness not simply incoherent gibberish, but also the expression of grand philosophical truths. Says Lear as he is on the threshold of the hovel :

“Take physic, pomp ;
Expose thyself to feel what wretches feel,
That thou may’st shake the superflux to them,
And show the heavens more just.”

The imagination must picture, and the great original alone can describe, the scene in that hovel, and we leave to the imagination the effect of the contrast between Lear’s real and Edgar’s assumed madness, and the wild conversation accompanied by the raging storm. When Lear is at last sheltered in Gloucester’s farm-house, and is conducting the imaginary trial of his daughters, we have in one of his exclamations an illustration of Shak-

speare's power in using some minor, or even trifling, detail to express more than volumes could tell of the old man's despair. The king cries out :

“The little dogs and all,
Tray, Blanche, and Sweetheart, see, they bark at me.”

THE FOURTH ACT : CHARACTER OF CORDELIA.

In the fourth act the plot thickens ; in this as well as in the preceding act we see the characters of Goneril and Regan in a new and terrible aspect. Now their interests clash, their former concert is gone, and we find that the tie that bound them together was but the basest self-interest. Each is now plotting against the other for the hand of Edmund, now Earl of Gloucester, who is secretly “contracted to them both.” In this fourth act there is one passage that makes us feel that Shakespeare was the most universal genius that ever lived ; in this tragedy of feeling comes one exquisite description of natural scenery—the description of Dover cliff. The blind and helpless Gloucester says to his disguised son Edgar, who is leading him :

“Dost thou know Dover?
There is a cliff, whose high and bending head
Looks fearfully in the confined deep ;
Bring me but to the very brim of it,
And I'll repair the misery thou dost bear,
With something rich about me ; from that place
I shall no leading need.”

This reveals his suicidal plan to Edgar, who conducts him to Dover, and practices his marvellous deception upon him. As he *pretends* to lead his father to the verge of the precipice, he gives the famous description we spoke of :

“Come on, sir ; here's the place ; stand still.
How fearful,
And dizzy 'tis to cast one's eyes so low !
The crows and choughs, that wing the midway air,
Show scarce so gross as beetles ; half way down
Hangs one that gathers samphire ; dreadful trade !
Methinks he seems no bigger than his head.
The fish-ermen, that walk upon the beach,
Appear like mice ; and yond' tall anchoring bark,
Diminished to her cock, a buoy
Almost too small for sight. The murmuring surge,
That on th' unnumbered idle pebbles chafes,
Cannot be heard so high. I'll look no more,
Lest my brain turn, and the deficient sight
Topple down headlong.”

We confess it makes us feel dizzy. In this act Cordelia

again appears. Of her lovely character, her purity of soul, we feel incompetent to speak.

We get only glimpses of her, in fact, she appears only at the beginning and end of the play, yet we feel that she is one of the principal characters. Cordelia comes up to our thoughts even between the hisses of Goneril and Regan from the very oppositeness of their natures. We know darkness only in so far as we know light, in darkness we always mentally contrast our state with a former state of light. By a similar process she is in imagination ever before us, although she appears not in the text. Cordelia is the purest and holiest woman in Shakspeare's famous list of female characters. We know her not so much from what she *says* as from what she *does*, and from her influence over others. How much is told us of Cordelia in one line: "Since my young lady's going into France, sir, the fool hath much pined away." She is one of those persons in whom the depth of feeling and the *verbal* expression of it are in inverse ratio. In reply to her father in the first act she says: * * *

"Since what I will intend, I'll do't before I speak." An all-unconscious description of her own character! She is a woman, she weeps; we are sickened out with monsters. Cordelia's tears, "the holy water from her heavenly eyes," are like a refreshing balm to our spirits poisoned by the venom of Goneril's and Regan's tongues. How beautiful she appears in that tenderest scene of all in the tent in the French camp at Dover. Soft strains of soothing music float through the air, the prostrate form of the weary old man in deep slumber is extended on a couch; Cordelia hovers around him like a ministering angel, waiting his first awakening. As she imprints a kiss upon his sacred brow, in loving accents she murmurs low:

"O my dear father! Restoration, hang
Thy medicine on my lips; and let this kiss
Repair those violent harms, that my two sisters
Have in thy reverence made."

Lear's waking, his recognition of Cordelia, his restoration to his right mind, the reconciliation, and all that ensues, make up a picture of such calm and pathetic beauty that some have wished that the end were here. But Shakspeare recognized the claims of high art, and our soothed feelings are to be harrowed again in the tragic fifth act.

THE FIFTH ACT.

The events of this gloomy, tragic act are made more fearful from the hope that seems to shine out from the fourth act. All

is promising that right shall conquer, that truth shall prevail, and that vengeance shall fall on crime; wounded feelings promise to be healed, weary spirits shall rest. But no such closing scene awaits us. Just as the high hopes raised in loving hearts at the convalescence of the sick, when crushed out by some sudden fatal relapse, make death more grievous than ever; so this awful ending is enhanced in its effects by the hopes held out to us in the preceding act, which are now so rudely blasted. The evil is sorely punished, but the good does not win a victory. Retribution overtakes the guilty, but redress never reaches the suffering. We have here the tragedy of the reprieve that comes too late. There could not be a happy ending to this play after all that Lear had suffered. In the earlier parts Shakspeare has shown us that Lear's whole moral nature is undermined; he has received a shock from which he may rally but can never recover. Those who wish a successful termination clamor for what would seem an inconsistency to Shakspeare. The French forces are vanquished, Lear and Cordelia taken captive; Edmund is slain in combat with Edgar; Goneril, all her foul schemes completely undone, poisons Regan and takes her own life; by the orders of Edmund, which are countermanded too late, Cordelia is hanged, and Lear expires in an agony of grief over the body of his daughter. The heart-rending scene that follows Lear's entrance with Cordelia dead in his arms is one of awful power. He fairly shrieks:

"Howl! howl! howl! howl! O! you are men of stones;
Had I your tongues and eyes, I'd use them so
That heaven's vault should crack. She's gone forever."

Frantically he calls upon his child; eagerly he watches her lips, hoping for some faint sign of life:

"Cordelia! Cordelia! Stay a little. Ha!
What is't thou say'st? Her voice was ever soft,
Gentle and low—an excellent thing in woman.
I kill'd the slave that was a-hanging thee."

How pitiful his recognition of the noble Kent! In the absorption of his grief he rewards his loyalty only with the simple words, "You're welcome hither." How full of awful tragedy those bitter words which his vexed spirit cannot suppress! "Aye, so I think," when Kent says to him:

"Your eldest daughters have fordone themselves,
And desperately are dead."

Critics have pronounced Lear's last words the most pathetic in the English language :

"And my poor fool is hanged ! No, no, no life :
 Why should a dog, a horse, a rat, have life,
 And thou no breath at all ? Thou'lt come no more,
 Never, never, never, never !
 Pray you, undo this button : Thank you, Sir.
 Do you see this ? Look on her—look—her lips—
 Look there ! Look there !" [*Dies.*]

We can but say with Kent :

" Vex not his ghost : O ! let him pass : he hates him much
 That would upon the rack of this tough world
 Stretch him out longer."

University of Virginia, 1883.

Honor to Whom Honor is Due.

[The Galveston (Texas) Daily Post.]

Professor Dinwiddie, chairman of the Faculty of the State College, commenced his address by expressing his gratification at being permitted to address so large a body of representative citizens upon a subject not often presented through the public prints, yet of absorbing interest to every citizen having the welfare of our Commonwealth at heart. Americans are accustomed to boast extravagantly of our country, and their boasts are, perhaps, warranted by our brilliant history and unexampled progress. Our own State is even more remarkable than any other in these respects. But after all, when our Fourth of July fire-works have burst out and the excitement of eloquent oratory has passed away, the sober-minded citizen sits down to test his glowing emotions by the cold light of logical thought. Is our country all prosperous and happy ? Is there nothing we would forget when the bands are playing and the multitudes are shouting ? What is this dark newspaper telegram of strikes and riots among workmen driven to madness by the cries of their little children for bread ? Worse yet, because steadily continued, the gorgeous processions of gilded thieves about our National Capital, the glittering equipages of Star Router, Government contractor and corrupt officials, or Wall street gamblers dashing dust or mud over the struggling laborer as he goes forth to his daily work

from the dim dens and foul cellars where his children cry for bread. We speak of the sick monarchies of the Old World. Can the worst of them show us anything worse than may be seen in the tenement houses of New York or the lobbies of Washington? Yet this is America, the land of the free. There are classes of men in our country that are no more free than the lowest slaves of an Eastern despot. And why is all this? The body politic is sick. A man does not need to be a doctor of political economy to see what are some of the ills that afflict it. Class legislation, unequal taxation, absurd tariffs, corruption in politics in all its forms; these the politicians may deal with. There is one evil, however, which is at the bottom of many others; that is the evil of idleness, or, in expressive slang, the evil of "deadheadism." We may divide mankind into the workers and the deadheads. The idlers of the world are a heavy burden upon it, especially the respectable idlers. We may not know that we are supporting a single individual by our labor, yet it is a clear principle of political economy that the burden of supporting the idlers falls upon every worker in society. In the sweat of somebody's brow every human being must eat bread. It is a mistake to say that wages are low in densely populated countries because there are too many laborers. It is chiefly because there are too many idlers. The professor went on to show that the responsibility for the idleness that afflicts our country rests largely with our collegiate education—a system which was originated among the monks of the middle ages, and is in no way adapted to the conditions of modern life. It is a system of slavish devotion to the thoughts and words of the ancient Romans and Greeks. Its continuance in the colleges of our times furnishes a most singular instance of arrested development. Herbert Spenser remarks upon the curious fact that the leading schools of England devote two hours per week to the study of things we are in contact with every day, and by the knowledge of which we must live and prosper, and thirty-six hours per week to the study of the language, customs, superstitions, etc., of two extinct peoples, and to making verses, nonsensical or other, in their languages. American colleges have imitated the English universities in giving to Latin and Greek excessive importance. As a result, the young graduate has, by the hard labor of five or six or eight years, learned to read, with dictionaries at his elbow, the works of a few Greek and Latin authors, and as this knowledge is of the smallest possible use to him when he goes into the world, he is, upon graduation, the most helpless of mortals. He

can do nothing, not even can he write a decent hand, since the sentiment of his college has taught him that "good penmanship is a fool's accomplishment." Our old-fashioned literary colleges thus train men to helplessness, and consequently to idleness. Many of these young men go to the study of law as the only occupation in which they can pretend to have use for this kind of training. A few of these, by forgetting much that they have learned, become successful, honorable men, but many, tired of the hard struggle of poverty, sink to the infamy of the professional shyster.

The speaker proceeded to indicate the manner in which our educational system must be reformed. Practical men had long felt the necessity for such reform, but the most notable step that had been taken toward carrying it out was that by which Congress endowed the agricultural and mechanical colleges of the several States. These had been, in some cases, perverted from their original object and made old-fashioned classical schools, but they are now getting right. Especially was this true of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. This is now a strictly technical school of agriculture and mechanics. It does not exclude so much of linguistic training as is necessary to the practical use of language, but it places the sciences first.

The professor here gave an account of the appliances for instruction at the college, its machinery, laboratories, buildings, etc., amounting to \$260,000. He explained how a student passes his time in the various instructive exercises of the fields, gardens, shops, recitation-rooms, etc., of the college. He enlarged upon the value of this training in forming a taste in the young men for practical pursuits, and inculcating a love of truth and accuracy and a hearty contempt for quibbling and chicanery. The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas is the college of the farmers and other practical men of Texas, and asks their hearty support. In conclusion, the speaker disclaims any hostility to literary culture or any form of knowledge, but claimed for the sciences, physical and natural, their full part in the education of our youth. "We must," he said, "regard education as the laying of a broad basis on which to erect the superstructure of all future attainments, and not as a mere cramming of the mind with any sort of facts or words."

A vote of thanks was tendered to Professor Dinwiddie for his splendid speech.

The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

[From the Macon (Ga.) Telegraph and Messenger.]

The meeting of the Georgia State Association of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity in Macon on October 30th, during the State Fair, will be an event of much interest.

The Fraternity has three hundred members in the State, and it is expected that at least two hundred delegates will be at the Association's meeting in October.

The following gentlemen have been invited to be present and address the Association, and it is confidently expected they will all be here :

Rev. T. T. Eaton, D. D., Kentucky; Right Rev. Bishop C. T. Quintard, Tennessee; Rev. O. A. Glazebrook, Virginia; Mr. J. R. Anderson, Jr., Virginia; Walter H. Page, Esq., North Carolina; C. P. Steed, Esq., Georgia; J. T. West, Esq., Georgia; Prof. C. McD. Puckette, Georgia; Prof. N. Wiley Thomas, Pennsylvania; Rev. Charles Lane, Georgia; Hon. F. P. Bond, Tennessee; Hon. Erskin W. Ross, Justice Supreme Court, California; Col. Clifford W. Anderson, Georgia; Rev. Dr. Campbell, Georgia. All these gentlemen are members of the Fraternity.

Worthy Brothers—A Noble Deed.

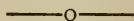
[From a Private Letter.]

Bro. (Rev.) J. D. Chapman, of the Georgia Alpha Zeta, who graduated with first honors at Mercer in 1884, and who since graduation has been pastor of Warren Chapel, left for the Baptist Theological Institute at Louisville, Ky., a few days ago.

Bro. J. E. Powell, of the same class and college, accompanies him. It would be hard to find two better or more enthusiastic Alpha Taus.

Bro. Chapman refused a call from a Baptist church in South Carolina at a salary of \$1,200 per year. He is the same brother who, at the great danger of his own life, bravely rescued from drowning, near Sullivan's Island, a few weeks ago, Miss Mamie Flanders and Miss Mattie Callaway, of Macon. His conduct has been loudly praised, and is a source of great pleasure to his friends.

LETTERS FROM ALUMNI.



SPRING HILL, S. C., September 12, 1884.

Dear Brother.:—Although there is nothing of interest to communicate from this section of the Fraternity world at present, yet I feel that your appeal for alumni letters should not be overlooked. The last number of the dear *Palm* came safely with its precious freight of good news, not only of our own work, but of others in similar labor. I often think we do not half appreciate the influence of the *Palm* in aiding our great cause. Since June I have not met one of the dear “boys,” but the *Palm* has come with its burden of good things, and has cheered and encouraged me wonderfully.

Thrice hail! we exclaim with you, dear brother, to the new chapter in Kentucky. And still the good work goes on! Ah! what an influence the principles of this great work has upon our hearts. Stronger, and stronger, and stronger it becomes the more we imbibe its truths! Nearer and nearer it binds us together as brothers, as we daily learn more of its meaning, and yet there are great principles half hidden which the future will gradually unfold.

The summer has passed very quietly. A letter just received from Willie Birch, Macon, Ga., is full of the true feeling, and makes one long to see the dear fellow again. Hope we will see him in Philadelphia. South Carolina will try to be fully represented this time. If too many of us don't go down to New Orleans, you can expect a formidable host to come from this great South country to join in the general good time in the beautiful Quaker City. I think every boy in the Alpha Upsilon Chapter at Gettysburg has promised to join the party.

With best love to all the boys,

I am, yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

HENRY E. HARMAN.

P. S.—The Song-Book work is still going on here, although it progresses slowly.

CITY HOSPITAL, CHARLESTON, S. C., Aug. 22, 1884.

Dear Brother:—I have been intending to write to you ever since the receipt of the *Palm*, but have had such a run of work that every day I would put off just another, until I have allowed too much time to pass. The *Palm*, as usual, is full of interest, and the reports from our chapters most encouraging. The South Carolina Alpha-Chi is in good condition, though not as well up in numbers as could be wished. Several of our men from it are now students at the South Carolina College in Columbia. I had the pleasure of several long talks with Brothers Gaillard, Robertson, and Kinard, of the Alpha-Chi, some time ago. They are staunch Alpha Taus, and we are lucky in having them. Brother McIver, of the same chapter, is at the South Carolina College. Brother Conyers is working at turpentine, at South Newport, Ga., twelve miles from Darien. Brother Frost was here a few weeks ago, and is now off on an excursion to some watering place. I suppose you have heard that Brother W. S. Lovell is to follow the good example of Brother DuBose very shortly.

I'm sorry not to give you a longer and more interesting letter, but everything is very quiet here, and nothing breaks the monotony of my work in the wards, and I seldom leave the hospital gates.

Hoping you are well, with much love I remain,

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

M. P. RAVENEL, M. D.

MACON, GA., September 18, 1884.

Dear Brother:—Enclosed I hand you a newspaper clipping—a short notice of Bro. J. D. Chapman. Have you received blanks sent out by the Georgia State Association? We are at work, and we intend to keep at work. Things are in such a condition now that when a boy comes to Mercer he “enquires for” the Alpha Tau Omega. He does not, as formerly, ask what new fraternity it is, whence it came, and who ever heard of it?

I am still with J. W. Burke & Co., and expect to remain there, and doing very well, and I think giving satisfaction. I know your time is all occupied, so I don't expect you to write. Thought I would send these little bits. They might be news to you. Hope the *Palm* will soon be out. I sent you a dollar

some time (say two months) ago. If you did not receive it, I will send another. I can't afford to be an Alpha Tau and be without the *Palm*. I have had the numbers bound, and prize them very highly.

Love to all the Alpha Tau Omegas

Yours, fraternally,

W. B. BIRCH.

P. S.—Ho! for Philadelphia December, 1884. We must all be there at the love-feast.

POPLAR RIVER, M. T., July 12, 1884.

Dear Brother.:—Enclosed is one dollar, for which you will please send me the *Palm* for one year. I should have renewed my subscription long ere this, but had expected to return East this summer and enjoy the pleasure of a visit to the editor's office for this purpose. Now my expectations cannot be realized, and since my isolated position suggests a device of some means by which to interrupt its monotony, a long absence of the *Palm* prompts me to forthwith subscribe. If you have copies of the first and second issues of this year, please forward at once, considering that my subscription begins with first, at the expiration of which I promise an expeditious renewal.

With much confidence and esteem,

I am, fraternally,

GEO. A. CORDEN,

Alumnus Alabama Alpha-Epsilon.

AUBURN, ALA., August 25, 1884.

Dear Brother.:—I noticed in the last issue of the *Palm* a call for alumni letters for the next number, and I feel it not only a duty but a positive pleasure to answer that call, for this is one of the chief ways in which the "brotherly spark" is kept brightly burning after our college days are over. And as we are busied with the toils and anxieties, the pains and pleasures of the "maddening crowd's ignoble strife," it is with a feeling of relief, and with a heart-felt sigh, which wells out from our very souls, that we turn and cast a few retrospective glances over our old Fraternity life.

Once more am I looking on the scenes of my former college days. I graduated last June at the A. and M. College, and

ever since I have been seeking pleasure of various kinds in different portions of Alabama and Georgia. I have grown sunburnt in the prairie regions of my own State; and with the handsome lads and winsome lassies of our party I have jolted through the uplands in a regular country wagon until I seemed almost disintegrated; I have sat in the grass, in some dense copse, with a fair maiden, and we would talk in "euphonic accents" of the happy past and still more happy future, and then we would go home and bitterly remember that (to paraphrase a once popular song)—

"Those were the happiest days of yore, Maud,
Picking out the red-bugs by the score."

I have been in the Gate City of the South long enough to wear off the sunburn and wear away the *bitterest* remembrance of red-bug bites until my hands have grown "lily white," and I have longed for the old scenes and faces. Then I "pakked up mi duds and cum." Just across the street I see, as I look out of my window, the old A. and M. looming up still and silent, "grand, gloomy and peculiar." But come inside of that building, let me pilot you to the State laboratory, take a peep in the door, and there you see the genial faces of Bros. W. L. Hutchinson and B. B. Ross, both of whom are now assistant State chemists. Bro. Ross graduated here in '81 in the literary class. He accepted a position on the engineering corps of the Mexican Central railroad, and returned home from Mexico only last Christmas. To give you some idea of Bro. Hutchinson's proficiency in his chosen profession I will quote what a young man said sometime ago: "When you see old Hutch coming you see chemistry." The professors who were present heartily coincided with him in this opinion.

Well, our chapter left here last year with flying colors. We started at the beginning of the year with the intention of exerting ourselves to the utmost to make Alpha-Epsilon the leading chapter here, and to wear away the feeling that is opposed to Greek-letter fraternities. We succeeded. Mentally and morally our Fraternity had the highest position in college, so I have been assured again and again by the most influential professors of our college and the citizens of our village. What put us in greater favor than anything else was the fact that we had a banquet without any wine. It was not exactly "a feast of soul," but it *was* "a flow of wit." You can form some idea of its success when I tell you that two of the most influential daily

papers of Alabama and Georgia devoted each over a half-column to it praising it in the most glowing terms.

I will remain here one week and will then go to Notasulga, where I have accepted a position in the "East Alabama High School," a circular of which institution I enclose. Please send me the *Palm* regularly, directed to me at "Notasulga, Ala. I will send money for it in a short while.

Several months ago Bro. M. B. Whitaker, of Adrian College, Michigan, wrote to me; but I was working day and night at that time and was unable to answer his welcome letter. If possible please give me his address, as I wish to explain matters.

Yours, in Alpha Tau Omega,

WALTER C. WHITAKER.

HOBOKEN, N. J., August 1st, 1884.

Dear Brother:—Enclosed please find a postoffice order for \$1, for which please enter my name for a second subscription to the *Palm*. I want it for a friend who moves about so frequently that it will be better to send it to me. Please let it begin with this last (June) number. It has just come, and I am, as usual, very much delighted with it. I have not had time to "take it all in," but a hurried glance shows that it is ever increasing. I thank you and the brothers for their kind words concerning Alpha Kappa Chapter.

Bro. Healy and myself are two lonely individuals with all our comrades scattered and gone. Only half a dozen of the students are here. I have been very busy lately, otherwise you would have received the enclosed long ago.

Bro. Harlow is at West Auburn, Maine. His last employment was "pricking blisters," for, though far towards the icy North, he says the sun has something of the power it has in the sunny South.

Bro. Munkwity has not been heard of since he went home.

Bro. Boynton is enjoying the summer, and I trust will return to Stevens, though it is doubtful.

It certainly is refreshing to read the letters from "THE BOYS." But I think that some of the correspondents might correspond at more length than they do, and not hurt their brothers by so doing.

We received a coat-of-arms and the colors from Bro. Hayes some weeks ago, and now our rooms are decorated with the colors on ribbon, fixed into becoming rosettes, &c., by the hands

of fair ones, who keep the Maltese for us when we go into the dish-covered, iron-making department of the institute and other times.

I hope the next session will see new life in our chapter. We are all sufficient for the demands upon us *now*, but there cometh a day when we will answer not, and so we are *taking* thought for the morrow.

Seeing Bro. Darrow's letter in the *Palm* saying that he would be in New York for two weeks, causes me to think that the nearness of New York city and Stevens Institute are not known in the world. Could you not explain that we are *just across the river*, and are always very much delighted to see the brothers? Or, if they would let us know of their presence, we are only too glad to look them up. Really, the Columbia Chapter is farther from business New York than we in Hoboken.

When do you begin to talk up Congress? I am looking for December anxiously, hoping then to meet brothers that so long I have known in name.

I must close now, and return to weary work.

Hoping to receive another copy of the *Palm* soon, and with much brotherly love and friendship for yourself,

I am, very truly, in Alpha Tau Omega,

J. FRANK WILKES.

LEBANNON, TENN., September 13, 1884.

Dear Brother :—My address, as you observe from heading, is Cumberland University. You will therefore send next issue of the *Palm* to me at this place. Am very sorry I cannot accept Bro. Branham's invitation to attend our State Association owing to my present urgent duties. No fraternity news of importance, but much love from

Yours, in Alpha Tau Omega,

WALTER H. LITTLE.

SCOTLAND, FLA., July 24, 1884.

Dear Brother :—Enclosed please find my subscription, for which send me the *Palm* one year, beginning with the June number. Please hurry it forward to me as soon as possible, as I wish to know what our Fraternity is doing and has accomplished.

I will cheerfully and heartily undertake to push the "State

Alumni Association" through, and if I am not successful it will not be for the lack of interest on my part. Your kind words will help me on in my endeavor to fulfil this pleasant duty, and I hope at an early day to report decided success and mature plans.

Wishing you and the Fraternity every success, I remain,
Sincerely and fraternally yours,

T. M. SCOTT.

MACON, GA., August 1, 1884.

Dear Brother:—I write to you to know if you could please give me the names of the Alpha Taus in Savannah, Ga.

I have just received the last number of the *Palm* (Vol. IV, No. 2), and have read it with much pleasure. I don't believe I could get along without it. Please let me know how much I owe you for my subscription.

Fraternally and affectionately

Yours, in Alpha Tau Omega,

JOHN F. SCHOFIELD.

WELLSBURG, W. VA., September 1, 1884.

Dear Brother:—Enclosed please find postal note for \$1, being my subscription for *Palm* for 1884. Have received March number, but heard nothing of June issue. Please forward to this place until further notified.

Suppose you have been supplied with a copy of the *Exponent*, our Adrian Annual.

I long to see the *Palm* and read of the success of our beloved Order. Long life to the *Palm*, and great prosperity in all her interests and undertakings.

I am, yours, fraternally,

G. B. DEAKIN.

THOMASVILLE, GA., July 7th, 1884.

Dear Brother:—Your card to hand. I wrote you some time ago, about the first or second week in May, I think it was, enclosing \$1 for renewal of my subscription, and requested that it be sent to this place instead of to Madison, Fla. If it does not

reach you, let me know and I will forward money again. I cannot do without the *Palm*.

Yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

C. H. SMITH, JR.

MT. UNION, OHIO, July 7th, 1884.

Dear Brother:—I think my subscription has run out, and I should regret very much to have my monthly reading of the *Palm* cease, therefore I enclose at once *one dollar*, which shall bring joyful news to me for a twelve-month more.

Very truly yours in Alpha Tau Omega,

A. C. BURRELL.

WEST POINT, MISS., September 9, 1884.

Dear Brother:—I leave this place in two weeks for Austin, Texas, where I will locate permanently. I will probably not attend the University there, as I at first intended, but will go into some good lawyer's office and get what benefit I can from attending to his papers while studying up the Texas Code during my leisure time.

I will be almost an entire stranger there at first, and acquaintances will be very valuable. If you know of any Alpha Taus located there I would be glad to know their names. I will keep my eyes open on Fraternity matters and let you know what kind of opening there is for us in the University of Texas.

Bailey will go to New York in February, is now attending lectures in Nashville.

I am making all my arrangements to leave, and hope to hear from you before my departure. A letter addressad to this place will always reach me.

Sincerely your brother in Alpha Tau Omega,

T. W. GREGORY.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, July 10, 1884.

Dear Brother:—I enclose you postal note for three dollars. Two dollars is for a copy of the *Palm* for two years to be sent to Bro. Dr. J. G. Givens, assistant surgeon at the State Lunatic Asylum here. I have asked him to send you an alumnus let-

ter, and he promises to do so. The other one dollar is to go to my account. I am here with my family taking a short rest.
Yours as of yore,

H. H. DINWIDDIE.

MACON, GA., September 17th, 1884.

Dear Brother:—I sincerely hope that you will be able to accede to the request of our Executive Committee and be present with us on the 30th of October. We will give you a glorious welcome. I verily believe that the whole city will turn out to meet you. Do come.

Our State Association is firmly on its feet. We have succeeded in arousing the whole State. Much to our surprise, we have discovered that there are at least three hundred members of the Fraternity in Georgia. We have not yet gotten to the end of them; because we *know* that there are many whose names we have not even heard. Would that our Order had a catalogue!

Our brothers here in Macon have taken hold of the State Association nobly. They have gone down deep into their pockets and showed their faith in Alpha Tau Omega by contributing their *money* to carry out our plans. We have, to the present, borne all expenses, and they have been heavy. Not a man has refused to respond to the calls made upon him.

We are now printing four more circulars. We will send you a copy of each in a few days.

We have also gotten the newspapers of the State interested, and our Fraternity is to-day *prominently* before the public. I will send you newspapers.

Our Executive Committee meets three or four times in each month. Nothing seems to prevent the members from coming squarely up to their work. It is worth a trip to Georgia to see how they work.

As to the *real work* of our Association, that prospers. Our plan provides for *work* every day in the year.

If you can give us information as to *old* alumni members in Georgia, please do it at once.

We hope to have two hundred delegates at our State Association meeting.

We wish to invite every chapter in the country to send delegates. Can you tell us to whom to write?

Affectionately yours,

A. I. BRANHAM.

NASHVILLE, OHIO, August 21, 1884.

Dear Brother :—It has been said that cheer is a medicine that half the world needs. How true the expression. Do we find this sparkling element among our dear old Alpha Taus? Most certainly we do. In hours of home affliction, when the tempter is plying his vocation, we find the teachings of our most beloved and virtuous Fraternity a needed support.

Ohio Alpha Tau, the first to bear the Maltese cross in Ohio, I am happy to say, is a beacon-light in Northern Fraternity circles. Her second annual banquet was held on the 29th of July last in the Hotel Vincent at Alliance, Ohio. Though I was unable to be present, I understand the occasion was one long to be remembered. It was a season of rich and seasoned thought.

Bro. Craine, who was one of the charter members, I am pleased to note, has been admitted to the bar, and is now practicing in Alliance, and has a case of murder in the first degree to handle as among his first. Energy will bring its reward.

As to the other brothers I know but little, as I have not been attending college for sometime. I have just returned from Dakota, after an absence of several months. I spent most of my time along the *Missouri river*. I found quite a change from what I had always been accustomed to here in Ohio. The absence of timber and good water makes the life of a settler much more unpleasant than it otherwise would be. The extreme cold winters and very hot summers is another objectionable feature. I would say to any of the brothers who contemplate locating in that boomed country not to be lured there by the flaming reports that are being continually sown broadcast throughout our Eastern States. This boom matter, as it is called, is the work of syndicates, and they care little for man after they once have his money. Should any one desire to communicate with me in regard to what I know of the country they are at liberty to do so.

I have now under consideration a proposition made me a few days since to take charge of the local department of one of our leading papers. What I shall do will be determined in a few days.

Do not fail to consider me a continued subscriber to the *Palm*, for without it I would be lost. Please notify me how I stand on your books financially, and if in arrears will respond joyfully. Change my address from Plimpton, Ohio, to Nashville, Ohio.

Fraternally yours,

CHAS. W. HUGHES.

MEMORIAL DEPARTMENT.

THE REV. RUFUS E. MURROW.

[Georgia Alpha-Zeta.]

Bro. R. E. Murrow was born in Burke county, Ga., September 28th, 1858, and died in Thomaston, Ga., December 23d, 1883.

He entered the Sophomore class of Mercer University in September, 1879. In a short time he won the confidence of his college mates, and showed that his class standing was going to be better than ordinary. About the 1st of December, 1880, he joined our noble brotherhood, and proved a consistent and influential member until his death.

While in college, as a student, he was among the most faithful of his class; won a speaker's place, and reached the roll of honor each year. In addition to his regular college course, he preached two Sundays in a month during his Junior year, and every Sunday of his Senior year, at a mission station in this city.

As a Christian, he was earnest, zealous and faithful. His pious walk and godly conversations gained for him an influence that was felt on the side of right.

In October, after he graduated at Mercer University in June, he went to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., where he, until the following May, vigorously pursued the great study to which his life was to be given.

Soon after he returned home, he was called to the pastorate of the Baptist church in the flourishing town of Thomaston, Ga. He entered his new field of labor with all the zeal and energy of his soul. But alas! how little suspected he that his labors on earth should scarcely be begun before they should end.

Glorious thought! that the messenger of death found him battling for the right, released him from his struggles, and has taken him to that Heavenly Temple of friendship where, "with virtue that is celestial, truth that is radiant, and love that is God-like," we shall gather in holy friendship to separate no more forever

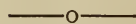
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NECROLOGY.

Alfred Marshall (Va. Alpha).	W. M. Reed (Tenn. Iota.)
J. C. J. Clay (Va. Beta).	Samuel Hill (Tenn. Gamma).
T. W. Bond (Ky. Omicron).	E. G. McClanahan (Tenn. Theta).
Stephen Ranney (Ky. Mu).	E. D. Wooley (N. C. Xi).
J. L. Brower (N. C. Xi).	Vernon Via (Va. Delta).
J. W. Whitfield (Ky. Omicron).	Frank W. Walker (Va. Alpha).
W. K. Smith (Ky. Mu).	W. T. Burdett (Va. Delta).
J. A. Shaw (N. C. Xi).	T. C. Lumpkin (Tenn. Lambda).
Saunders Irby (Va. Delta).	T. B. Edmiston (W. Va. Zeta).
T. G. Ivie (Tenn. Iota).	A. O. Battle (Tenn. Lambda).
J. G. Blackmon (N. C. Xi).	D. C. McKay (Ky. Mu).
B. A. Gray (Va. Delta).	J. C. Kinckle (Va. Beta).
T. W. Currin (Tenn. Iota).	J. R. McD. Irby (Va. Delta).
W. S. Stephens (Tenn. Lambda).	J. A. Crichton (Va. Alpha).
D. T. Bridgforth (Ky. Mu).	E. C. Mix (Va. Epsilon).
Walter T. Jones (— Alpha-Delta).	E. D. Campbell (Va. Beta).
John M. Armstrong (Va. Epsilon).	W. B. Seawell, Jr. (Ky. Mu).
George Watson (Va. Alpha).	B. F. Atkinson (Ala. A. E.).
C. A. Ellett (Va. Alpha).	John T. Malone (Ga. Alpha-Beta).
T. P. Crawford (Va. Rho).	Adrian Fleming (N. C. Xi).
George C. Humes (Va. Delta).	John C. Janney (Va. Epsilon).
R. C. Ballentine (Va. Delta).	Gilbert D. Wilkinson (Va. Delta).
P. H. Lightfoot (Va. Alpha).	P. H. Clarke (Va. Delta).
W. A. Langhorne (Va. Alpha).	W. T. Brock (Tenn. Lambda).
T. H. Bridgforth (Ky. Mu).	Jos. D. Addison (Va. Phi).
A. Strachan Jones (Va. Beta).	W. Arthur Allen (Ky. Mu).
Isaac Paul (Va. Eta).	R. P. Williamson (Ga. Alpha-Theta).
Rufus E. Murrow (Ga. Alpha-Zeta).	Wm. Thos. Locke (Oreg. Alpha-Sigma).

NOTE.—The members whose names are found in the above list have been reported to our WORTHY GRAND KEEPER OF ANNALS as *deceased*; but the particulars as to the *time, place* or *cause* of death are known in the case of only a *few* of them. Members and others who possess such information, or who know of *other* cases of death among the members of the ALPHA TAU OMEGA FRATERNITY are earnestly requested to correspond with the Editors of this Journal—to the end that we may add to our other Annals a *full and accurate register of our Dead*.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.



GREEK NEWS.

—*Phi Kappa Psi* has an eye on Vanderbilt.

—*Delta Upsilon* is about to build at Hamilton.

—The Fraternities at Beloit are no longer *sub-rosa*.

—*Phi Gamma* is said to be dead at the University of Pennsylvania.

—*Sigma Alpha Epsilon* has entered Missouri University, Columbia.

—*Zeta Psi* is said to be running a *sub-rosa* chapter at Princeton.

—It is said that the *Phi Delta Theta* has five men at Ann Arbor, and is about to organize.

—*The Shield* says *Kappa Alpha* has established three new chapters in three months, and has another under way, at Johns Hopkins.

—*Psi Upsilon* and *Kappa Alpha* are about to build at Cornell.

—*Alpha Delta Phi* has initiated two Chinese students at Kenyon.

—An Alumni Association of *Zeta Psi* has been established in Philadelphia.

—The new Song-Book of the Ladies' Fraternity, *Kappa Alpha Theta*, is out.

—*Delta Tau Delta* has entered South Carolina Military Academy with seven men.

—*Sigma Alpha Epsilon* has of late established chapters at

Vanderbilt, Tallahassee, and the South Carolina Military Academy.

—The chapter of *Delta Upsilon* at Ann Arbor admits a candidate to membership upon his receiving the recommendation of a committee of five appointed for the purpose of selecting new men.

—*Sigma Nu* tells us that the Faculty of the University of Alabama is composed of three Delta Kappa Epsilons, two Alpha Taus, one Phi Tau Delta, one Sigma Chi, and one Phi Delta Theta.

—*Sigma Chi* has entered the University of Wisconsin.

—*Phi Gamma Delta* is said to be dead at the University of Pennsylvania.

—The largest and oldest Sophomore Society is the *Theta Nu Epsilon*. It was organized in 1870, and has twelve chapters.

—An unavailing effort was recently made by some members of the Faculty of the University of Kansas to have anti-fraternity rules adopted.

—It is pleasant to learn that the Fraternities at the University of Wisconsin united in giving a reception.

—*Kappa Alpha* requires each of her chapters to be responsible for the subscriptions of its own active members to the magazine.

—*Sigma Chi* is to have a general secretary, at a definite salary of not more than five hundred dollars, to serve as a medium of communication between active chapters and the Grand Council.

—We are indebted to the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* for the two following items:

“The monthly Fraternity magazines are beginning to realize that their task is too much for them. The Phi Delta Theta *Scroll* doubles up on its numbers, the *Zeta Psi Monthly* is to be published as a quarterly, and *Phi Kappa Psi* also talks of changing.”

"W. R. Baird, author of 'American College Fraternities,' was not a member of Beta Theta Pi during any portion of his college course. He graduated from Stevens Institute in 1878, and was at the time member of the Alpha Sigma Chi fraternity, whose chapters were at Rutgers, Stevens Institute and Cornell. In 1879 Mr. Baird was general secretary of the Fraternity, and in that year propositions were made to unite the Fraternity to Beta Theta Pi. At the conventions of the two orders in that year, the plan was carried out, and all the members of Alpha Sigma Chi, undergraduates and alumni, were admitted to Beta Theta Pi."

—We take these three items from *Chi Phi Quarterly* :

"*Delta Kappa Epsilon* maintains that a fraternity journal should be managed by its alumni, for the reason that the interests of the active membership demands it. Each chapter of this fraternity subscribes for a larger number of quarterlies than its membership is composed of, for the purpose of circulating copies among its alumni, giving them the option of paying the subscription price to their chapter or not. This is done on the ground that the interests of the chapter demand that each alumnus be informed, so as to revive his interest and renew his allegiance to the Order."

"The *Beta Theta Pi* advocates ritualistic improvement thus: 'Our present ritual fails in many respects, which can easily be seen, and it ought to be changed. What we want is something that will thoroughly impress upon the initiate the symbolism of our Order, and at the same time be free from the foolishness that crops out here and there in the one now authorized. Every man who has taken part in our initiations has 'felt cheap' as he has spoken parts of the service. I do not mean to imply that our service is worse than others in this respect, for it has been my privilege to read a number of them, and in every one is found a plenty of bluster and silly tomfoolery, all of which should be eliminated from the ritual of a fraternity that has attained the dignity of Beta Theta Pi, because it is destructive to the effects of the sober parts.'"

"*Southern Kappa Alpha* is remarkable for its large number of *sub-rosa* chapters. It has chapters operating, apparently successfully, in University of North Carolina; Davidson College, N. C.; Wake Forest College, N. C.; University of Tennessee; Southern University, Alabama; and Southwestern University,

Texas, all of which are anti-fraternity institutions. A reckless indifference to consequences is shown by publishing, in the *K. A. Magazine*, letters from these chapters, with no attempt to conceal either the names of the members or the colleges at which they are located. There is one chapter, however, about which more caution is taken, and it remains *incog*. We wish the Fraternity success in its wholesale warfare against faculty oppression and intolerance. We notice that the Kappa Alphas expect to establish a chapter at the University of the South, but they will find that they will first have to obtain the consent of the trustees."

OUR EXCHANGES.

Quite a number of our exchanges are at hand, and we will hasten to notice that one first which we have not had the pleasure of seeing for a long time.

The Chi Phi Quarterly.—The July number is up to the usual good average of this magazine. Nearly half of its space is devoted to Chapter Letters. This makes the number of great interest to the Fraternity itself. The notice of exchanges is very full, and the comments friendly and discriminating. We thank the editor for the kind mention of ourselves. We are more particularly interested, however, in the communicated articles, one of which we shall transfer as a whole to our own pages.

The Kappa Alpha Magazine.—With the exception of two or three pages given to Greek News, this issue confines itself entirely to Kappa Alpha. Here, as with the journal just noticed, the communications afford the greatest interest. In regard to one of these, we are especially concerned. In the article on "Fraternities at the University of Virginia," the writer speaks with great frankness. We desire to give a portion of this letter for the benefit of all concerned, and would remark, that whilst it may be true that the Eli Banana Club is hurtful to the Greek Letter life, and we are inclined to think it is true, yet the Club

itself is composed of a delightful set of gentlemen, and any lack of interest on their part would be most detrimental to their respective clubs:

"I have mentioned, so far, the causes of the decline in fraternity feeling here that depend upon the necessities of the place itself. I have now to mention another that is much more actively at work.

"The Eli Banana is, I think, peculiar to this institution; it is a kind of drinking club—a bringing together of congenial spirits. It was established at the White Sulphur Springs, and has been in operation at this place for some four or five sessions. It disclaims the charge of being a fraternity, and hence includes in its membership the leading men from almost every club in college. The requisites for entrance are a popularity of manners, a proneness to good fellowship, and all the qualities that go to make up a dashing gallant. The consequence is, that the Elis are, with one or two exceptions, the most popular men in college; they are all gentlemen, and, in short, possess, as a rule, the qualities that we sum up in that omniscient word—'nice.'

This club, I think, exercises the most injurious influence upon fraternity feeling. The Elis claim to be no fraternity, and thus are able to twig the most attractive men in each. They are far more clannish than any club-men here. They are, as far as sociality, continued companionship, and, if I may use the term, the stick by-each-other propensities go, complete fraternity men. In short, the Eli Banana is about the only true fraternity, as far as feeling goes, at the University. It is easy to see what a powerful influence such an association exercises in alienating men from their fraternities.

"If the fraternity system is as lax as I have represented it, some one may be led to ask how fraternities are kept running at this place at all. I have stated one reason. They have become a settled feature in student life, and this is reason enough for the average student. But there are some fraternities that are fed by certain preparatory schools, and thus are assured of a continued support. The most striking example of this is the monopoly exercised by the Sigma Chi over the boys from McCabe's school in Petersburg. This is one of the best preparatory schools in the State, and always sends fine men to the University, and they are invariably Sigma Chis—so invariably so that McCabe boys are known as Sigma Chi "goats" as soon as they land here, and no other club makes any attempt to get them. They are probably

pledged before leaving school. To mention other examples, Delta Kappa Epsilon and Chi Phi seem to divide the High School; Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Chi, Hanover Academy; Chi Phi and Alpha Tau Omega, Bellevue. The men from these schools will join one or another of the indicated clubs, and there is not much use in any outside club making an attempt to secure them."

There will not be much chance of a union of the Northern and Southern branches of Kappa Alpha if the sentiment of the first communication in this number prevails. Our first impression was that such a union was most desirable, but if it be true that the two orders are perfectly distinct, never having been related save in name, there seems to be no more reason why they should come together than any other two Greek fraternities.

Sigma Nu Delta.—We admire the enthusiasm of the "Regent's Address." It carries us back, too, over ground with which were once very familiar. We trust Sigma Nu may catch something of the earnest spirit of its chief officer, and if so, it has before it a career of success and honor. We are glad to see this worthy journal taking such care of the memory of its dead. There should be more attention paid to this sad but important feature of fraternity history by us all. An article on Imitation, which is very good, a pleasant reminiscence of the Iota Chapter, seven Chapter Letters, and a small but well-chosen quantity of Greek News, brings this number up to a level with any that has preceded it.

The Delta Upsilon Quarterly.—This *Quarterly* has the merit of always being on time. Nor does it come to hand too promptly, for we always enjoy it. The present number is of more interest to Delta Upsilon than to anybody else. The Chapter Letters are full—maybe there is a little too much of self-laudation about them—but surely Delta Upsilon should be proud of her chapters in the face of such records as are given in this number. How delightful college reminiscences are! We always read carefully

any allusions to the past history of societies or chapters. The perusal of the "Reminiscence of the Social Fraternity at Williams, in '44" repaid us. There is some "Greek Gossip," and a review of a few exchanges, which, with Alumni Notes, three short editorials, one announcing the appearance of the new Song-Book, and a pleasant piece of poetry, closes the July number.

The Crescent (Delta Tau Delta).—The last issue we have seen is the May and June numbers combined, and we like this issue very much. It is well-sustained in every department. It has a plenty of poetry, to begin with; then quite an Editorial department, touching upon such subjects as Chapter Letters, the Convention, the Future and Pan-Hellenic, and it gives a glimpse at Egypt and then at Watkins' Glen; tells us what a model chapter should be; looks in upon its chapters; allows twenty-one of them to speak for themselves; editorially notices its new Catalogue; gives the fullest "Greek News" and "Alumni Notes" departments we have seen, and closes with an Extra.

Now, we think that doing pretty well; and when we add that the quality is as good as the quantity, nothing more need be said in praise of this excellent number.

The Sigma Chi.—Whilst we are in a praising humor, we are glad we put our hands upon the June number of *Sigma Chi*. It is not out of order to praise, and that highly, this number. The editorials are practical and suggestive. The review of the past year show a great deal of judicious, well-directed work, with correspondingly satisfactory results. The "Fraternity System in the University of Michigan" is a thorough analysis of Greek life there. The statistics of membership of rival fraternities evinces considerable labor. We hope, however, the statistics as a rule are fairer than the statement in regard to the standing at the University of Virginia. It quite horrified us to see ourselves put in the second class, when, in nearly every respect, certainly in *more* respects than any other Fraternity here, we are entitled

to the very first place. The Chapter Letters are many, and are worthy of this good number. We are sorry, and we speak feelingly, that so few journals were received as not to justify a fuller notice of the Greek press.

The Star and Crescent (Alpha Delta Phi).—We have the May and July numbers of this journal before us. The first is called the Middletown number, the publication and editing of it being done by the Wesleyan Chapter at Middletown. It is a double number, and of great interest to the Fraternity. Nor is it wanting in interest to outsiders, for we can enter most truly and earnestly into the appreciation and enjoyment of so novel and excellent a number as this one. The article on "The House" is beautifully illustrated and most entertaining. Another article on "The Sister Fraternities at Wesleyan" is also illustrated, each cut being a representation of the Chapter Houses of the Fraternities located there. Several articles on literary rather than Greek proper, and the sketches of the officers and speakers at the Convention of 1884, guarantee a rich treat, which has been enjoyed before this. The "College News" of this journal is always full, and is an admirable feature.

The July number is the Convention number, and is largely occupied with it, giving an account of same, with the address and poem. There is a full review of the journals of other Fraternities, and the usual "College News." The Convention must have been a very pleasant and profitable one.

The *Star and Crescent* keeps well up to its usual standard, and in the matter of dignity and careful editing sets us all an example worthy of following.

The Beta Theta Pi.—We do not see much change in *Beta Theta Pi*. It pursues the "even tenor of its way," and as this way has always been quite a good one, there is no especial need for a change. As usual, the best part of this journal is its editorials. There is, however, much that is good in the other departments.

Mr. Baird finishes his "Fraternity Studies" in this number, and has put all Greeks under obligation to him by the interest he throws over the Greek Letter life. We are glad to see Professor Price has been enlisted. Whenever he writes, he writes well. We hope he will continue an active worker in the Greek field. The editorials are taken up largely with subjects that were thought desirable to be considered at the annual convention. The Chapter Letters are full, and the notice of the Fraternity world of much interest. Here we are told of the corner-stone of the Psi Upsilon Chapter House at Cornell being laid, and that President White warmly urged the building of chapter-houses for the housing of the students of the chapter. This is a move in a direction we most greatly desire in connection with our own Fraternity. The true fraternity idea will never be realized until it is done.

We regret the absence of *The Shield*, *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*, *Phi Gamma Delta*, *The Scroll*, *The Zeta Psi Quarterly*, *Golden Key*, and *The Anchora*. May these welcome visitors soon put in an appearance!

THE VOICE OF THE GREEK PRESS.

A Common Cause.

[From the *Chi Phi Quarterly*.]

Have fraternities anything in common? One would be inclined to doubt it, if our only criterion of judgment was the low opinion we seem to have of each other—an opinion which we have not even the good taste to keep to ourselves. And yet we have a great common cause. We are all, according to our own lights, working for one object. We are true and honest to ourselves. Why cannot we be so to each other, and, if we can say no good, at least say no ill. It has always seemed to us that the *abuse* of an opposing fraternity is a confession of weakness. Have we nothing good to say of ourselves? Surely each fraternity must believe in its own integrity. We must pull others down that we may climb; that is in the nature of things. It is the eternal law. But let us do it like men in fair fight. We must

have means of comparison. True, but that is no excuse for abuse and falsehood. One case will illustrate well our meaning, and perhaps point the moral of our tale. A professor of a college in which is located a chapter of one of the best known and most conservative of the Eastern fraternities, himself a member of that fraternity, recently entered actively into the fall campaign. He invited a freshman to his house; produced a list of the members of an opposing chapter, his chief rival, and criticised and abused each one by name. He lost his freshman, as he deserved, who joined the ranks of the maligned. We vouch for these facts, and suppress names for the sake of common decency.

There is such a word as "courtesy," but it does not seem to be in the fraternity vocabulary. There is a word there which looks like it in print, and is spelled the same. It is used in accounts of banquets, where we read of one fraternity toasting another. It is heard at times of college elections, and occasionally among individual Greeks. The sparkle of champagne seems, in some strange manner, to provoke its use. But the good English word "courtesy" has not yet been introduced into the language of the modern Greeks. But this is not an ideal world; it is lamentably prosaic.

Nevertheless, we believe that the times are improving. This is surely the era of the Greek renaissance. Forty years ago the rivalry between fraternities was not characterized by that bitterness which now exists, and which is largely brought about by the multiplicity of these organizations. Of this we have abundant testimony. But this feeling, if not passing away, is, at least, becoming less intense. The barriers raised by vanity and ignorance are, in the majority of cases, being slowly leveled by the wondrous power of the types. Better knowledge has bred better understanding, and both have given birth to better feeling. Fraternities are learning to respect each other. They are beginning to recognize the catholicity of a common cause, to learn that in union is strength.

The germs of mutual courtesy and manly rivalry are planted. The harvest will come. To criticise, to expose the weak places in our rivals, in their methods, in their composition, in their organization, to believe in, to praise, to uphold the integrity of our own fraternity, is our right, our duty. But the foundation of our structure must be our own worth, and though we may build by the faults of others, stones hewed out by honest criticism, it is weak and unmanly in any fraternity to abuse, malign and libel for its own aggrandizement.

A PERTINENT QUESTION.

There are a few chapters which have fallen below par. The question is, what shall be done with them? This is a question that will certainly be brought before the Convention for discussion, and we hope will not be lightly treated. The policy of the editors, as is well known, has been to withdraw a few of our notoriously weak chapters, and thus remove spots from the name of Beta Theta Pi. We have nothing personal against any chapter, or any man in any chapter; we are striving to build up the Fraternity, and, being in a somewhat better position to view chapters than any single chapter is, we are not at all backward in saying that there are a few chapters of Beta Theta Pi which should be withdrawn at Cleveland. Some are in diminutive schools, for name called "universities," which have no men of eminent reputation in their faculties, and which, physically, financially, and numerically, are in poor condition. Others are in colleges which are fairly good, but are patronized by a class of students who give Beta Theta Pi the slip and join the societies of father or brother. Beta Theta Pi, then, must take poor men or none at all, and poor men we cannot afford to take and maintain a consistent and satisfactory social position. Other chapters have men in them who are careless of the general fraternity work, who habitually neglect correspondence, attendance at Conventions, and the interests of Beta Theta Pi.

Most emphatically, we want no set of men to keep up a form of a chapter just to let us say, "we have a chapter there." If any men are tired of Beta Theta Pi, two questions are pertinent: why do you stay in the chapter? why don't you get out of the way of the boys who may mean business? Other cases might be mentioned at length, but the live, active chapters know where the weaklings are situated. Is our work longer to be hindered and our fair name longer to be stained by a few lukewarm, incompetent Betas in a few shaky chapters? The management of the journal know something about these poor chapters; the neighboring chapters, who lose men time and again because of poor chapters in poor colleges, can say a word, and now the day of conflict draws nigh, and at Cleveland it must be plainly settled, whether we are to have forty-five strong, active, enthusiastic, loyal chapters, or are to bury in the placid waters of Lake Erie, which even now yawns for its dead, four or five of our present charges. Let every chapter delegation have its mind made up, and stick to its vote, unless good and sufficient reasons appear for a change.

Sentimentalism will crop out, and there will be talk of "Herods," and stories of old times and the days that were. What is the college, the chapter *now*? "George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Hon. John Smith, belonged to it once." Who cares if they did, if a degenerate offspring is there now? Let us be men; and though tears may fall as we bury our dead, let it be done if necessity demands it. But a further discussion of this point is unnecessary. The issue is to be met, and must be met fairly and honestly.

THE FRATERNITY ORGAN.

[From *The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.*]

There is nothing connected with college life that has undergone so radical a change as the character of fraternities and their attitude toward each other. Many fraternities have not had any clear understanding of their own importance till very recent years, and so far as surface indications go, there is not one that has failed to show signs of increased vitality. It has not been long since the Greek-letter societies of our many colleges were each made up of more or less powerful local organizations, bound together in a rather loose way by a community of interests, which were not always clearly defined or well understood.

That this condition of affairs is beginning to be different, is due to several causes, chief of which are the frequent conventions and the establishment of fraternity journals. Each of these factors in the development of inter-chapter fraternity strength has its office, and neither can in any way take the place of the other; the former is to the few who are able to attend them more productive of enthusiasm, but the latter is by far the more out-reaching and beneficent.

At some future time, we desire to give our readers a clear and comprehensive account of the rise and growth of fraternity journalism, and to that end ask the co-operation of any brother or chapter correspondent who may have in his possession or may be able to secure copies of the earliest issues of the journals of our own fraternity. We now have upon our exchange list the names of sixteen journals, representing as many different fraternities, and they are for the most part conducted with ability; these periodicals range in circulation from 3,000 to less than 200; they vary in excellence from the expensive Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly to the less pretentious and more serviceable monthlies, such as the Beta Theta Pi and the Delta Tau Delta Crescent.

We believe that no fraternity can afford to be without an organ, and we couple with that statement this additional one,—no fraternity can afford to have an organ which is not reliable, in good tone, and sufficiently ornate to escape being denominated common. The Shield falls of necessity and of choice into the hands of those who will not be slow to find its weak spots, and in so far as these are shown with fairness and apparent good judgment, they will be sought for and effort made to make them strong.

We expect to benefit our journal by a perusal of our cotemporaries, and we desire to be of service ourselves; we desire Phi Kappa Psi to know what is being done, not only within her own borders, but in the entire Greek world; and we hope to stimulate our whole organization with that energy and zeal which will not allow any rival to outstrip us in making ourselves stronger and better.

While the Shield may not be the best journal of its character published, it ought to be the very best for every loyal Phi Psi; editors and business managers cannot make it the best; the Fraternity can. We shall from time to time solicit articles for our columns, but much ought to be volunteered. We have in mind some most interesting and valuable features which do not seem to have been carried out in other journals, and all we need to accomplish our desired ends is a subscription list of one thousand names. Even slight effort from half the active members of our Fraternity ought to compass this desire; and if every brother felt himself obligated to secure one subscriber additional to himself during the long vacation, we should have much more than our coveted number.

THE MODEL CHAPTER.

[From the *Crescent of Delta Tau Delta.*]

To my mind this signifies one that may be imitated. One perfect, not ideally, but practically so. A pattern that may be closely and safely followed. But it must be more than a pattern. It must be a practical illustration or example. Pattern implies form. Example more than form. It embraces every essential quality of the thing represented. Hence, I apprehend my duty is to set before you as vivid and perfect a portraiture of a typical chapter as my limited ability and time will admit. In so doing, allow me to ask your careful consideration of a chapter from its incipency up through its growth and practical workings, till complete and

symmetrical it stands as "a thing of beauty and a joy forever." And as we proceed, 'tis possible that we may discover that here and there a link from the golden chain is missing, which lack makes a felt want and implies that though perfection be possible, it has not yet been attained.

The first requisite for a model chapter is a model institution in which to plant it. Soil is by no means the only requisite, but *soil is indispensable*. You may subject choice plants to approved scientific culture, yet, unless you have proper soil in which to grow them, you will either have inferior fruit, or none at all.

Place one of our *best Fraternities*, such as the Delta Tau Delta, in an inferior college, though the institution itself may be honored, yet the degradation of the Order is inevitable. Grammar schools and "one-horse" colleges may have lyceums, but they never can support a first-class fraternity.

Any institution whatever, whether it be college or university, local or national, under the control of church or state; *any* institution, so long as it gives satisfactory evidence of *growth*, not that it merely lives; any institution that throbs with the progressive spirit of the age and keeps step with the march of mind; any institution that attracts, cultures, graduates *men*—such an institution furnishes soil peculiarly adapted to Fraternity growth in general and Deltaism in particular.

N. B.—All this desirable soil does not lie within the unpreempted sections of the Adirondack and Alleghany slopes.

The model chapter is secured by initiating *men*. It is self-evident that if you would get something out of an enterprise, *something* first must be put in. And it may be safely asserted that the prestige, work and influence of any chapter is no higher or greater than the average worth, ability and loyalty of its members. When we say *men*, we use the term in a broad sense—as to age. Certainly maturity, not simple pubescence, is demanded. Men, and not boys. This is in harmony with that wise suggestion (it ought to be a law) not to initiate from the rank and file of preps. Again, in order to be a worthy Delt, and do honor to a chapter, they must be men of morals, intelligence and society. Whenever all these essentials are wanting in a man, good society always repudiates him, much more so does the model chapter. Should one of these essential traits be absent, the candidate is disqualified. Should he lack the first, he is deemed unsafe; the second, and he becomes a reproach; and if he lacks the third, he fails to fulfill one of the chief ends for which our Fraternity exists.

Did I feel called upon to moralize, I would say that we make a mistake in selecting mere points and lines, instead of spheres, triangles and parallelograms; *i. e.*, we too often select men upon one single qualification, regardless of all others. Supposing a fellow to be as moral as the Levitical code, it by no means follows that he would make a good Delt, for he may not have sufficient gumption to make a decent Ostiarius, nor sociability enough to be tolerable. He may be a devoted student, but not a loyal frater; for the probabilities are, if he is a one-sided man, that he will be so devoted to his hobby that he will dub chapter work and society a bore, and consider conventions, etc., as ranking among the never-to-be-thought-of. Again, on the other hand, he may be a great society man, or be either a "dude" or a "rake."

Would you have a first-class chapter? Select first-class men; good, all-round-men; picked men. *Select!* Do not take them as they run. Choose men because they are desirable, and not because somebody else desires them. Choose *loyal* men, who will love their chapter *much*, but the Fraternity *more*. Select energetic, whole-souled, well-informed men, who are not afraid to stir and be stirred, whose hearts are more than a bundle of intellections, and somewhat warmer than a Siberian icicle, and whose range of vision will not be circumscribed by their chapter walls. Such as these come chiefly from the freshmen and sophomore classes; rarely from the juniors; from the senior class *never*.

A chapter home is indispensable. Without it no chapter can be truly successful. Gypsies may thrive under a nomadic regime; a tramp may accommodate himself to a dry goods box, but the existence of a family implies a home.

The model chapter either owns its chapter house (which by far is most preferable), or has under its control, for a term of years, a neat and pleasant, if not an elegant and expensively furnished, suite of rooms. Among the various, useful and ornamental, indispensable and attractive articles, which go to make up the furniture and decorations of every well ordered chapter home, there will be found a neat case stored with choice selections of Fraternity literature, including, of course, a complete file of the *Crescent*.

Now, having determined its location, arranged its habitat, and described the essential characteristics of its membership, let us, in the next place, take a glance at the practical workings of a model chapter. One of its most noticeable features is the regu-

larity of its sessions. No petty occurrence is able to disturb its equanimity, or prevent its assembling. Each week, with the regularity of the Sabbath, it convenes, and only absolutely uncontrollable circumstances are able to postpone or curtail its sessions. And when in session, from the fall of the gavel till adjournment, careful attention is paid to the business on hand; for our model chapter does not slouch through its order of business in a careless manner, which tends to unfit her fellows for the practical in life, but she insists upon everything being performed decently and in order; yet, at the same time, provides a special order and ample time for jolly social enjoyment.

The model chapter looks after her finances and keeps square, both with the world and the general Fraternity. She is careful in the selection of her S. A., who invariably represents her in each issue of the *Crescent*, and is on hand with a carefully prepared report at each Division Conference and Annual Convention. She sees to it that she is well represented in every conference and convention, defraying the entire legitimate expenses of her delegates to the Annual Convention, thereby securing the best possible representation, since it is not conditioned upon individual wealth nor awarded to the lowest bidder.

The model chapter insists upon her members wearing the Fraternity colors and pin. She requires the attendance of each frater upon all of her sessions, and insures this by attractive surroundings, appreciable benefits and prompt discipline. She succeeds in placing *The Crescent* in the hands of her members and alumni. Our pattern society feels the need and appreciates the importance of securing the hearty co-operation of, and maintaining a continued correspondence with her graduate members. This she accomplishes in various ways, but mainly by an ably conducted chapter paper. Time fails me to speak of her great intellectual advantages, her long-to-be-remembered initiations, and her sumptuous symposiums. But, before I close, permit me to mention one or two things which are necessary to bring the model chapter to perfection—a collection of Fraternity songs—those greatly-needed, long-desired, much-talked-of, and oft-promised, Fraternity odes. All admit if we, as a Fraternity, ever become great, enthusiastic, and thoroughly loyal, we must make and sing our own songs. The songs are made where? O, where is the compilation?

The second great need of the model chapter, felt in common with all chapters, is a division lecturer—a lecturer selected by the Division Conference, the choice to be approved by the Annual Convention, said lecturer a resident of the Division which

he represents, whose duty it shall be to visit each chapter yearly, or oftener, lecturing upon the origin, history, design, practical workings, unwritten law, etc., of our Fraternity. Should this be denied, the model chapter has no other alternative than of providing its own lecturer, for she is bound to go on to perfection.

THE FRATERNITY SYSTEM IN THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

[From *The Sigma Chi.*]

I suppose that it will be of interest to all of Sigma Chi's sons, to know something of the workings of Hellenism in an institution which is so largely the home of Greek letter societies as the University of Michigan. It has aptly been said by some one that the University of Michigan is a perfect hot bed of secret societies. For every fraternity of any standing at all, and some of those that have no standing, may look to see a chapter of some sort or other at the University of Michigan. There are all societies of all kinds and for all purposes, and still very few chapters of any fraternity have ever died here. And this leads me to aver, that probably no college or university in the United States carries the Greek letter fraternity system to such an extent and to such a degree of perfection as does the University of Michigan. This system I shall explain and enlarge upon, and I hope that if this article should be read by my brothers in other educational institutions, they may find something worthy of imitation, and that this imitation will be in the way of some change for the better.

To begin, then, I shall divide the societies here into two classes: first, professional frats, and second, non-professional or literary frats. With the former I shall not deal, as they are imitators of the lit. frats in much of their workings, and consequently to know "the tricks and the manners" of the latter, is to be well acquainted with those of the former. I shall simply name the professional frats, and then pass to fraternities proper. They are, in the Law College, the $\Phi. \Delta. \Phi.$, and the $\Theta. \Theta$ chapter of $\Sigma. X.$ In the Medical College, flourishes the mother chapter of $N. \Sigma. N.$ In the Pharmacy, $\Phi. X.$, and in the Dental, $\Delta. \Sigma. \Delta.$ And as I have already observed, since their workings are very similar to those of the literary frats, I shall immediately proceed to enumerate and enlarge upon the latter. These are (and I mention them in their order of establishment as nearly as I can re-

member): *X. Ψ.*, *A. Δ. Φ.*, *Δ. K. E.*, *Σ. Φ.*, *Z. Ψ.*, *Ψ. Υ.*, *Δ. Υ.*, *B. Θ. Π.*, *Φ. K. Ψ.*, *Δ. T. Δ.*, and latterly *X. Φ.* There are also two ladies' societies, *K. A. Θ.* and *Γ. Φ. B.*, and a small weak society known as *Φ. A.* It will be seen, then, that in the whole University, there are nineteen fraternities, and if any other institution of the size of the University of Michigan can show so large a number, let her step forward and claim the prize.

To proceed, I shall classify the literary frats under two heads. First, those which run large numbers, and secondly, those which content themselves with small numbers, and whose watchword seems to be "unity, not numbers, is strength." The frats which incline to the large number side of the road are *A. Δ. Φ.*, *Δ. K. E.*, *Ψ. Υ.*, *Φ. K. Ψ.*, and, after a fashion, *Δ. T. Δ.*, and *B. Θ. Π.* The others always run on choice men, small numbers and exclusiveness (so they claim); though it is a settled law that no "slouch" is with alarming frequency to be found in the large number faction. I shall not enter into any particulars as to individual chapters here existing; but will simply criticise the unity doctrine so far as to say that to my mind at least a larger crowd of good fellows and gentlemen is better than a smaller one. Unity is the essence of every frat. Without unity the word fraternity is a meaningless term, and Hellenism is existent without any object, cause or purpose. And if unity can be found to exist in a chapter of twenty, I think that chapter just as good as one of ten men containing the same quantity of that necessary article—*unity*. There are different ways of thinking, of course; and in the end, it is largely a matter of individual preference after all, as to whether a large number or a small number is best for all purposes in a chapter. Each to his taste, say I.

Besides being divided in method, the lit. frats are also divided in politics; college politics, I mean, of course *Ψ. Υ.*, *A. Δ. Φ.*, *Φ. K. Ψ.* and *Δ. T. Δ.*, with *Φ. Δ. Φ.* and *Σ. X.* as professional supporters, are one faction, whilst *X. Ψ.*, *Z. Ψ.*, *Σ. Φ.*, *B. Θ. Π.*, *Δ. K. E.*, and feebly, *X. Φ.*, make up the other faction. This division is of course on inter-fraternity politics. For let any aggressive movement be made by the "Oudens," and every frat. on the campus would in a moment be united to the others to resist the same. Feeling between the factions, however, is very strong. So much so, that the Junior Hop, and the *Palladium*, the yearly issue of the secret frats, have already fallen victims to the rule or ruin spirit of inter-fraternity politics. The feeling between the frats, it must be understood, does not extend to the extreme of individual animosity; though, in the heat of elec-

tions, "rushing" freshmen, etc., etc., members from the different frats are rarely seen together. Again, feeling is better between the frats than between the Greeks and Oudens. The latter are not thought to be *much* and no notice is taken of them.

As to social matters, the frats have always had things in their own hands, and always will I hope. The University of Michigan is, so far as tuition extends, a cheap institution. It is open to all kinds and grades of people. Hence much scum and riff raff collect within her walls, and stand about her campus. Hellenism steps in, and separates the gentlemen from the roughs, and thus becomes socially a benefit. For, as I shall presently show, a fraternity rush here is a severe test; and after a man is taken in, *pinned and acknowledged*, that is of itself a guarantee of his character, and society will not refuse to receive him.

As to modes of living, fraternity houses are absolutely necessary for chapters here to be recognized as being worthy of recognition. And it is reasonable. What good is it—what practical benefit is it—for a man to join a frat the members of which he meets for a few hours in the week, perhaps, or if not that, on a "Sunday carouse," as I have heard it denominated? Certainly the brothers of his chapter are of no social benefit to him as companions, for their rooms are scattered all over town, their hours different, and their evenings differently spent.

These facts being constantly held in mind, what remark more reasonable concerning a chapter than this: "They can't be very brotherly, for they never see one another"; and I have heard this remark passed about through fraternity circles frequently, concerning certain societies here that have no houses. Therefore it is as reasonable as it is essential that a frat to be on a firm and good basis should have a house; if for none of the reasons I have hinted at, at least on the ground of convenience during the early part of the year, when the verdant freshman is rushed and bid. For what is more productive of annoyance and delay than having to haul a man all over town to twenty different houses in search of brother Greeks of your own frat, to lay before them for inspection some stray lamb whom you wish to be gathered into the fold? Whilst, if you have a frat house, you take him there, give him a seat in the parlor, pass around the fumigationables and eatables, not to speak of the "ruby stream" and "crowned cups," etc., etc., talk to him, and—well there you are. "Look on this picture, then on that," and answer, is not the Chapter House system the best and most convenient? To return from my ramble, however, I repeat that

every frat of good and established standing has a house. These are *X. Ψ.*, *A. Δ. Φ.* (rents one at present, but will enter a new \$18,000 house next year), *Z. Ψ.*, *Σ. Φ.* (own hers), *Δ. K. E.*, *Φ. K. Ψ.*, *Δ. T. Δ.*; and just this year, *Φ. Δ. Φ.*, or rather a majority of her members, rented one. Theta-Theta of *Σ. X.* hopes to be in a fine one next year. As to *Ψ. Υ.* let me say, *Φ.* Chapter House is *not* a stock speculating affair. The house and lot are in the name of one of the professors, himself a *Ψ. Υ.*, and, as I understand from prime authority, the \$20,000 to build and furnish it, was given by a resident member, a *Frater in Urbe* from Union College. This *frater* took a perpetual mortgage upon the affair, and the chapter pays him a small yearly rate of interest upon the money loaned. Therefore the "stock owned by some who are not 'Psi U's,'" is untrue. *A. Δ. Φ.* is building her house upon the bond system; all the bonds to be held by alumni members of this chapter. *Δ. T. Δ.* and *Σ. Φ.* own their houses. So much for statistics.

I shall now pass to the system of bidding and rushing, and shall purposely omit saying anything of college politics between Greeks and Oudens, as I suppose it is the same here as everywhere, only a little more of it. Suffice to say *Z. Ψ.* has the presidency of the base-ball association and the shooting club; *Σ. Φ.* the secretaries of the athletic and base-ball associations, also of the Christian association and lawn tennis association. *Ψ. Υ.* has the presidency of the students' lecture association, by far the greatest honor a lit. student can gain. *A. Δ. Φ.* has the presidency of the athletic association, and nearly all the frats have editors on the college papers, although the constitutions of both *Chronicle* and *Argonaut* provide for so many Greeks and so many Oudens, or Independents, and, therefore, this is no honor. It is easily seen then that the frats "rule the roosts" in all college matters here, and an Ouden or Independent is rather a diminutive pumpkin.

Let me finally, however, pass to the general methods of getting men; or as we say here, of "rushing" and "bidding." In the main, I do not suppose they differ much from the methods used in other colleges. But I will observe that the method of rushing here is complete, trying, and, at the same time, courteous, as regards rival frats. Let us particularize. The High School here has two little societies, the *Δ. Θ. Π.* and *H. K. Φ.*, and these are largely used to "feed" the college fraternities, as the "subs" after graduation generally enter immediately as freshmen. Aside from the High School, however, let us suppose that a stranger freshman comes to college. If he

is not a "slouch," some fraternity men soon become acquainted with him. They look him over, watch him, and then invite him to their house, and appear very friendly. He goes to the house. The cigars, etc., etc., are produced. He sits alone, unaided, in a circle of utter strangers, and is of course placed at somewhat of a disadvantage. Allowances are made, however, and he is gradually drawn out. Unconsciously, he takes part in the conversation and is allowed to lead. Things are said which the frat men have heard a dozen and one times. Jokes, old to them, are cracked, bantering is indulged in, and all for the sake of, and directed to the end of drawing the new man out, learning his temper, disposition and character. Though he may not know it, a dozen eyes are watching every movement. He is taken to table, and closely watched. He is taken for a ride, and closely eyed and thoroughly scrutinized, so that every inlet to his character is duly explored. To illustrate what trifles may sometimes turn against a man, a failure to acknowledge properly a lady's bow, a single social solecism, a *gaucherie*, a foolish idea or flat pun, have caused a man ere this to be dropped in a society rush. If the new man makes a good showing, he is rushed regularly. The other frats see it and endeavor to get some hold on him. Then comes the fun. The object of *A. B.* (for instance), is to keep him away from *Γ. Δ.*, and to this end the man is never left without an *A. B.* man somewhere around. Feeling has run so high, and rivalry has been carried to such a height, that men have been taken out of town to keep them from the clutches of other frats. Detroit and even Chicago are visited, and there are stories of hundreds of dollars being spent to keep a man away from town till he has pledged himself, or till he has already gone so far in the fraternity that there is no retracing his steps. However, when a frat begins to look at a man, the other frats courteously hold back and let them proceed. There is no abuse, no hard feeling, no mean tricks, no underhanded concealments. Every thing is done in a gentlemanly way. If the man rushed by *A. B.* joins, well and good; but if he does not, either because he refuses or because he is dropped, all acquaintance with him is gradually dropped, and soon those who were apparently his best friends know him no more. The other frats then come to him, and the programme is repeated. If he joins *Γ. Δ.* or *E. Z.*, or any other Greek frat in the potential alphabet, after being bid by *A. B.*, and refusing, he is at once dropped by *A. B.* and never again recognized by them until much later in his college course. If the poor fellow is looked at by all the frats and dropped, he sinks into Oudenism, and is not more than merely nodded to by any Greek.

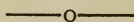
All close social intimacy with him is terminated, and those who thus knew him know him no more.

As to the quality of men rushed by different frats, I cannot exactly distinguish or mention names. It would only lead to adverse criticism if this be read by others than Sigs. I will say, however, that the finest appearing fellows are to be found in $\Psi. Y.$, $\Sigma. \Phi.$, $Z. \Psi.$, $A. \Delta. \Phi.$ and $\Delta. K. E.$ $X. \Psi.$ has now and has had some very fine men, but is not what she was in years past. $Z. \Phi.$ is retrograding. $\Delta. Y.$, though not strictly a fraternity, in the sense of secret, has some very fine scholars. $B. \Phi. II.$, $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ and $\Delta. T. \Delta.$, have some fine students; but I do not hesitate to say I prefer the men in the societies first mentioned, both as fine looking men, society men (in the sense of ball-room and parlor education), students, scholars, and all the rest of it. After all, this is a question of individual preference, and I merely state mine as a matter of taste and personal judgment. As to the professional frats I will say, that since the rougher element of the University of Michigan is to be found in the professional schools, they are more exclusive probably than the literary frats. They choose only the finest men, and segregate themselves entirely from the main body of students. Hence, frat and non-frat feelings run higher in the professional schools than in the literary college.

I need not, I presume, follow the new initiate into his college course. It is just the same as elsewhere. He is surrounded by brothers and friends, and his position is assured. His pin will carry him as a passport anywhere. Of course, sometimes a frat may make a mistake. It is the exception, however, and not the rule, and the best is made of it. Also sometimes, though rarely, a good man may fail to get into a fraternity. In that case, if he is really a gentleman, his place is given him, the only difference being that he is not made a constant associate and companion of the Greeks.

Thus have I given to the best of my ability a review of the frat system here. I have purposely refrained from making comparisons, or indulging too much in particulars. My object is to show the advantages of certain customs, methods and modes of acting and living to my brother Sigs in other colleges, hoping that some benefit may be derived therefrom. If I have succeeded in entertaining them I am pleased. If I have presented aught of novelty or worthy of imitation I am more than repaid. So let me terminate my present writing with the wish: "God speed ye, brother Sigs!"

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.



COMMUTATION FOR CHARITY.

If we were asked to point out the most potent defect of modern Christianity, we think it would not be necessary to hesitate a moment in naming it. It is the tendency to substitute mere partisan zeal for charity. Nay, it is the actual substitution in most cases. It is this which has broken the band of believers in Christ into a thousand factions. It is this that has produced discords, wranglings, bitter animosities, cursing and reviling, till men who think coolly and reason soberly, having the misfortune to live among some of these wranglers and being taught that to be Christians they must join in the fray, have said, "We will have none of it." Such men, however hasty their judgment and unreasonable their action as regards Christianity, are generally of kindly natures, genial and hearty. They seek communion with their neighbors, and "neighbor" with them is a very comprehensive term. It will usually happen that they turn for the gratification of their social natures to some of the numerous secret orders of our times. Freemasonry thus attracts its recruits in every country, and does its splendid work among men of all sorts and conditions. Our own beloved Fraternity, and all other true Greeks, are doing the same kind of work among the younger men. This is pre-eminently an age of secret fraternities. They flourish in our colleges, in our business circles, among all classes, and without reference to classes. Most of them have for their aim the cultivation of fraternity-love—charity. The wide prevalence of these societies is, then, a strong argument for the optimist. It gives voice to the fast-growing sentiment of mankind that love must prevail. Humanity rises up and declares that the "greatest of these is charity." The voice of the people in this

case is surely the voice of God. The day is passing when zeal for a sectarian dogma will be accepted as commutation for charity. All around us a new reformation is going on. It shows itself in no popular outbursts, no public disputations, no ex-communications, no burnings, either of books or heretics. The fire and storm have passed, and now it is the still small voice that speaks to each thoughtful listener and tells of the prevalence of charity.

In reflections such as these, what satisfaction should come to every Greek. And how should they stimulate us all to cultivate inter-fraternity courtesy. With such reflections, the fraternity loses all its trivial aspects. It is no longer a mere social club. It is a great leading agent for a most significant world-movement. It is an important factor in human evolution.

These views seem to us to emphasize the importance of Pan-Hellenic action. They should encourage those who, in the true modern spirit, have endeavored to bring all worthy fraternities into more intimate friendly relations. Our own fraternity has been among the leaders in this endeavor, and many of the best Greeks have heartily responded to our advances. But it is mortifying to think that there have been even a few who have shown a churlish spirit in this matter. They should not be permitted to discourage in the least the growth of Pan-Hellenism. Let us work together in brotherly love for our common objects. Let us cultivate all kindly feelings. Let us lead the progress of our times and leave these grumbling, envious, suspicious, narrow-souled Greeks to come limping along behind with their fellow-bigots of all associations of men.

There are some small souls that never admit the possibility of disinterested nobility of purpose on the part of any man or set of men. They always see some selfish object in every act of their fellow-men.

It is to be regretted that enough of these men can be found in any fraternity to control its action. Perhaps there are not.

Whatever may be the shields or devices of our various Greeks, there is one word common to them all—if they are indeed Greeks—and that is “charity.” Brethren, let us never fall into the retrogressive error of attempting to commute it for partisan zeal.

THE COMING CONGRESS.

The event to which so many of us have looked forward with the deepest interest and intensest joy is near at hand. Again are the dear brothers soon to have the great pleasure of coming together from all sections and taking each other by the hand and talking over their mutual hopes and joys and planning for the better furtherance of the interests of Alpha Tau Omega. We believe there will be a grand gathering of Alpha Taus at Philadelphia in December, and we expect this Congress to mark a most interesting and encouraging era in our history. In a business view it will be an important meeting. Not that we expect or desire many changes to be made, but plans inaugurated at Washington can only be completed at Philadelphia. Besides, committees who have in hand matters of great moment to the Fraternity must give an account of their stewardship. Here we are to find how the Song-Book has progressed, when the Cataloge will be published, what headway has been made in Chapter Houses, what shall become of such chapters as have not come up to the standard, the best way to preserve our history, our future policy of extension, the efficiency of alumni organizations, how frequent shall be our Congress, &c., &c. But more important than all these will be the intercourse of the brothers. Those who have not met for a long time will meet again. Dear brothers whom we love without having seen, we shall know face to face. The old and young Alpha Taus shall all come together in delightful converse, the one to tell of the old victories and precious memories, the other to tell of the new conquests and glorious hopes. The alumni must be out in force. The younger

brothers want to see them and hear them. The Fraternity needs their advice and wisdom. The alumni themselves want just this contact to renew their youth and rekindle their zeal. An Alpha Tau Congress can't be a success without the alumni. The Congress is as much for the alumni as the active brothers. Heretofore they have been numerically the greater part. So it should always be, and we believe will be in this case in a very marked way. Every chapter, too, should be represented in person. The more delegates from each chapter that can be present, the better it will be for the future of the chapters. Let not the chapters at a distance feel that their responsibility in this matter is decreased by the number of miles they are away. It should not be a question of miles or dollars. It is the duty of each chapter to have a delegate present, and we have not a chapter that cannot perform this duty if it fully appreciates its responsibility in this connection. It is true here, as elsewhere, that "where there is a will there is a way," and so confidently do we believe in the devotion of our chapters, that we would be greatly surprised if any fail of representation. Let the chapters begin at once to prepare their reports and to take such steps as will insure the presence of delegates. Full particulars are elsewhere given as to the time and place of meeting. It but remains to say that every precaution has been taken to insure the comfort and convenience of the delegates and visiting brothers, and the fact that the local management is in the hands of committees of the Pennsylvania Tau Chapter makes it certain that every detail of arrangement will be worked up with the utmost care and promptness.

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL OFFICERS.

Let the general officers be ready with their reports. In them we should find the best suggestions as to the work necessary to be done at Congress. These reports should be read early in the session. It is hoped that they will be carefully and fully

written out between now and the meeting of Congress. They should not only embody an account of what has been done, but should give such practical suggestions as to the management of the respective departments as may lead to the remedy of any defects now remaining in our organization. Our general officers are as faithful and competent as men can be. They know the needs of the Fraternity, and have watched her interests most closely. Whatever they may advise should and will have great influence with Congress. We have steadily perfected our organization until it seems about as complete and satisfactory now as such an organization can be; but we must not allow our great conservatism to interfere with such change as experience may have demonstrated very desirable. There is no danger of our officers going too far in the matter of change. If they err at all it will be in the other direction, and this is the safest course we admit, but we must beware of a cast-iron policy. We do not believe any essential changes are necessary, but in one or two particulars, minor, yet increasing to *some* extent our ability for prompt and aggressive action, there might possibly be an improvement. We trust our faithful custodians will carefully scan the whole field of our interests and come to Congress prepared to advise wisely and well.

CHAPTER HISTORY.

The history of the Fraternity is the history of her several chapters. Such a history is of first importance, and is demanded now both by our age and needs. Much can be done towards the general history by the chapters contributing facts and incidents which have occurred in their experience. Might it not be well for every chapter to send a sketch of its life to date, along with the chapter reports? This would be a helpful beginning to the work of the Fraternity History, which must be undertaken at once. We suggest to the chapters that they immediately turn their attention to this matter. In the next two months, such statistics, episodes, events, &c., with which every chapter life

abounds, could be gotten together. It is in these that the historiographer shall find his most interesting material. We know some chapters are very rich in this data. The longer the gathering of it is put off, the more difficult it will be. We should not wait another year or two, but take advantage of this opportune occasion to get our records in good and permanent shape. It should prove a delightful and pleasant work to the chapters, as it will undoubtedly be a most valuable and necessary one for the Fraternity at large. Let the chapters appoint a committee at once to get up and put in proper form their contributions to our general history, and send the result of this effort to Philadelphia as a part of the chapter report.

COME ONE AND ALL.

Alpha Taus at large need no special invitation to Congress. The right to attend is the part of every brother's birth-right; save in the single matter of voting, no distinction whatever is made in those present. The floor is common, and the ear of the Congress is open to all. Every Alpha Tau is entitled to a seat, and to be heard upon all questions. Every Alpha Tau has a right to propose and submit to a vote anything that he may think for the good of the Fraternity. But more than this, all brothers have not only the right to attend, but all are *expected* to attend Congress. It is designed to be a grand gathering of the clan. Congress is a success just in proportion as its gathering is large. Let Alpha Taus, then, of every condition and from every direction flock to Philadelphia. We want to fill the Continental Hotel; but more than this, we want our minds filled with the recollection of this Congress, as the "biggest," grandest thing that has yet occurred in connection with Alpha Tau Omega. We have had some grand occasions. Richmond, Washington, loom up in the distance, and we know they will be hard to beat, but we must *beat our best* this time. Let every brother see that he helps us to do it.

TO CORRESPONDENTS—CHAPTER AND ALUMNI.

The next number of the *Palm* must be in the hands of the publisher by the 15th of November. In order to accomplish this, the material for it must be in our hands by the 10th of November. To make the number a successful, helpful one, there must be Letters from the Chapters and Alumni. Every such letter withheld after the above date will injure the number to some extent. Won't you help us to make No. 4 of Vol. IV a great success? We beg you to write us a letter as soon as you read this appeal. *Do not put it off a day.* This invitation is to every alumni who reads it. When you read it, say, "It is intended for me. I will write a few lines at least, if I can't do more, by the next mail."

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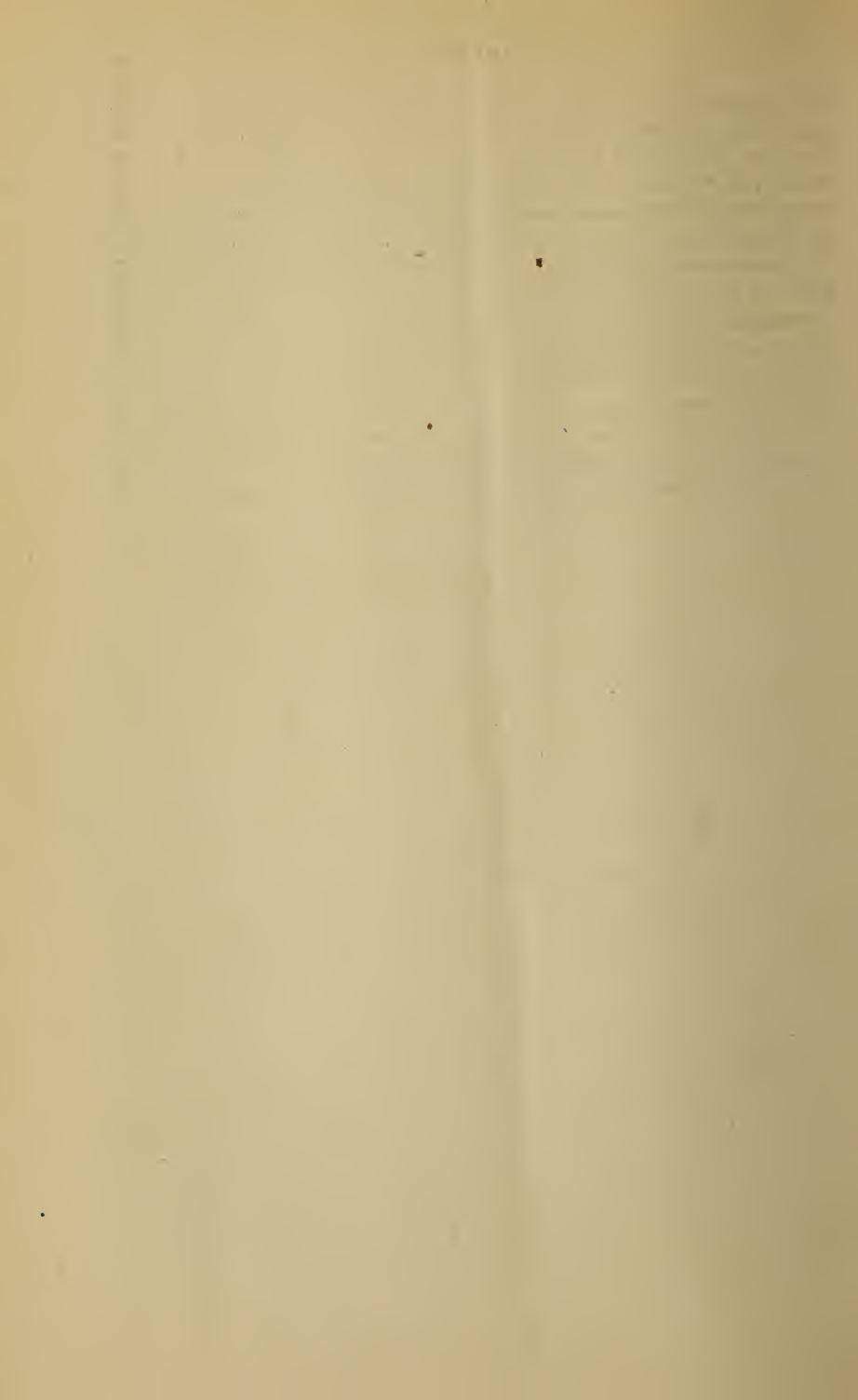
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
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1. We're assembled to-day in our Congress Hall,
 With hearts that with joy o'erflow,
And feelings that no one can well recall,
 But the boys of Alpha Tau Omega.
Many are the days since our hands have clasped,
 Many are the memories dear
Which come to us now of two years passed,
 When last we assembled here.

Chorus—Meeting to-day, meeting to-day,
 Meeting in our Congress Hall.
Meeting to-day, meeting to-day,
 Meeting in our Congress Hall.

2. We've been fighting the foe on the classic field,
 Fighting for virtue and love,
But to-day we are men who the power wield,
 Of th' Order for which we strove.
Many are the duties that on us devolve,
 As we are here to-day,
Then let us now sincerely resolve,
 Our duty to do alway.

Chorus—Meeting to-day, &c.

PHILADELPHIA.

Brotherly love! Well, the place and organization are admirably suited this time. Philadelphia is just what Alpha Tau Omega means. From beginning to end brotherly love is what we are after. And how we have succeeded in the past! Did men ever love each other more truly than Alpha Taus do? Think of the dear fellows of college days; recall the glorious men of Congress times. Was there ever a more loving, devoted clan? We are indebted to Alpha Tau Omega for acquaintance with the noblest, truest, brightest men we have ever met. More than any success or happiness the world has given us, is the precious friendship, otherwise improbable, save through Alpha Tau Omega. We would not part with what the dear old Fraternity has given us in the way of brotherly love for all else in the world. Here we have met brothers, whom to know intimately was to love dearly. More valuable than precious stones, or rubies, is the love of some brothers we could mention. Life is brighter, happier, dearer, more real to us, because we are Alpha Taus. Philadelphia, then, augurs well for our Congress. Let the spirit of the name be the spirit of this assembly. May we leave the Quaker City with hearts fuller of brotherly love than ever before! May this Congress be a love-feast, in deed and in truth!

The need of the world to-day is loving hearts, showing themselves in earnest, devoted deeds. Alpha Tau Omega shall meet the present want of the world as this feature is developed. Whatever else we may do, let brotherly love continue.

And, brothers, see that the future is as rich in this experience as the past. We inherit a legacy of love. Let us value it, as the most precious, most helpful, most powerful heritage we can leave the Alpha Taus yet to come. God bless the dear brothers, each and every one.

OLD ALUMNUS.

DELEGATES, ATTENTION.

As the Alpha Tau world is now more interested in the Congress than in anything else, and as there are not very many days left for discussion, it would be very well for the delegates to have a tolerably clear idea of what they expect to do. Brotherly fellowship and heart-warmings are the chief, but not the only object. We must come prepared for business, and that not simply congressional business, but, perhaps, as we who were in Washington know, for something like model chapter instructions. It would be a capital thing, as John Knox would say, to see our picked men "gang bonnily on." The three subjects for discussion, as mentioned in the last number of the *Palm*, are of immediate importance. A general secretary on the editorial staff of the *Palm* would be even now most desirable; but if the *Palm*, as is suggested, becomes a monthly, such an office will be absolutely necessary. Like that disagreeable character in the "Golden Legend," we and "the other man" know how the editorials grow! As for the management of the *Palm*, there really ought to be a fair representation of under-graduate brothers, who are fully *en rapport* with fraternity affairs. The alumni brothers, as a rule, cannot be thoroughly conversant with all that is going on in the Greek world, and most of us are very apt to be speaking of issues which died years ago. The songs and the history come together. Here is business for the general secretary, for although the chapters will hardly give a biography of every member or reproduce the account of each jubilant symposium, there will certainly be enough abridgment and revision to keep the grand scribe and ten general secretaries busy for a month. For the songs we wait. We enjoy the delicious pain of prolonged anticipation. Already the warblings of certain dear, faithful brothers have reached our ears, and, knowing as much as we do, Tennyson had better mind his laurels.

T. F. G.

J. Foster Gamewell

THE INITIATION SERVICE AT CONGRESS.

Let us again have the full initiation service at Congress. Shall we ever forget how it was rendered and received at Washington? With the old and knowing ones in all the chairs, it will be worth a trip to Philadelphia to see it. To the very old brothers who have never seen the present service, and to the young brothers who have not seen it in its entirety, it will be a magnificent revelation.

We heard a delegate say at Washington, he had never before had an idea of its impressiveness, and that its rendition alone richly repaid him for attending Congress.

We have been a member of many Orders—we have taken many degrees in some—but we say, without hesitation, we know of no ritual which in beauty, conciseness, completeness, impressiveness and instructiveness equals ours. We have always believed that the brother who wrote it was inspired for his work. We have heard that he himself thinks it the best piece of workmanship he ever executed.

We never see the initiation but that we wish the world could see it. The best men of the world would ask no further passport for Alpha Tau Omega. We never see it without the determination to try and be a better man—to be more worthy of a brotherhood founded upon such principles. The absurdity of college authorities proscribing such teaching, so impressively given as in this ritual! They little know of what they are depriving those entrusted to their care.

By all means, let there be on hand a full set of paraphernalia, and close the grand meeting with what would be a crown of glory to any assembly. It will be a fitting wreath with which to deck the brow of the Congress of 1884, after its labor of usefulness and love.

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AN URGENT APPEAL—SONG BOOK.

As acting Chairman of the Song Book Committee, we wish to inform the Fraternity that our chapter has been faithfully working on this all important matter, and has been but partially successful, having now only twenty-five songs, while we should have four times as many.

However, we have recently written to every chapter in *A. T. Q.*, and sincerely hope our earnest and reasonable appeal will not be passed by without some positive action. Some letters may not reach their destination, as has been the case heretofore, and therefore we wish to appeal through the *Palm*, and beg the prompt attention of all to this matter, whether they have received our letter or not. It seems to us that the chapters never stop to think what a grand thing a Song Book will be. Our chapter has been using the songs we have thus far been able to collect and compose, and find that they have been instrumental in binding us together in a way which could never have been had we not had the grand principles which we advocate so ardently and indelibly stamped upon our minds and hearts through the medium of verse and music.

Hymns and spiritual songs are the very life and support of religion. Religious services would be dull indeed were it not for the almost omnipotent power of music and song. How then can we expect to have life and activity without the indispensable element—vocal music—forming a good part of our order of exercise in chapter meetings. If we could only be able to make every brother feel how vital a matter this is, we venture to believe that before our next Congress (at Philadelphia), we would have enough songs to publish a very creditable Song Book. We would like to have all songs sent to us at Gettysburg, Pa., before the 15th of December, so that we can make a complete and satisfactory report at Congress. If the chapters cannot send any songs, we wish them to inform us to that effect at once.

How grand it would be if we could, while Congress is in session, occasionally give vent to our feelings in a stirring, telling song.

Let us see that it be not long before such an experience can be had. Please respond at once to this appeal.

C. W. BAKER, *Chairman, &c.*

SOME REFLECTIONS.

The *Palm* reached us yesterday, and again we are enthused with the spirit of Alpha Tau Omega. Under the influence of our long stem pipe, last evening, we perused its precious pages with silent pleasure. What a treat it is to receive this dear old messenger of good things, and how fondly we look forward to its coming! Much as we would regret to see its size diminished, yet I cannot refrain from seconding the resolutions of the Wittenburg chapter in regard to changing to a *monthly*. The *Palm* is the life and spirit of the Fraternity, and the oftener it is issued the greater we must think will be its influence.

I have not heard from the boys at the South Carolina college for some time, but expect to pay them a visit in a few days. Better and nobler fellows you cannot find, and an Alpha Tau always fares well in their hands. We want to make our arrangements for representation at Philadelphia next month. Of course you know we want the Congress of '86 held in Charleston, or Columbia, of this State—South Carolina.

We have not heard from the boys at Gettysburg recently, but a private letter of a month ago said that they were pursuing the even tenor of their way, and Alpha-Upsilon Chapter holding her own among her strong rivals. We know of no truer Alpha Tau nor of a better Fraternity worker than that inimitable Baker up there at Gettysburg, and so long as his theological studies last in the Seminary, the chapter will go forward. Bro. Baker was

always so sure to speak upon certain subjects in the meetings that a brother once suggested that the chapter have printed, for the convenience of the Scribe, small slips with the words, "Under this head, Bro. Baker spoke." But besides Baker, there are other true workers in Pennsylvania College, notably among them Bro. Jno. Reighard, away down in the Fresh, who says he will see that Alpha Tau Omega is kept in proper order for the next four years at least.

We want to make just one appeal to all the chapters before we close. The Song Book Committee wishes to make a full report of all its work during the last two years, and earnestly requests the chapters to *forward at once* any songs they may have. This request has been made so often that the committee is almost ashamed to repeat it; but think, brothers, when you stand in Congress and confess that you have done *nothing* to aid in getting up the Song Book, will you feel that your duty has been done? The Congress expects the report. *Brother, will your name be among those who have aided?* Please do something at once, and forward as soon as possible to Bro. Baker.

H. E. H.

THE LATE GATHERING OF ALPHA TAUS IN GEORGIA.

To-day's mail will carry our Editor accounts of the recent meeting of the Georgia State Association of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

We are glad to let the Fraternity at large know it was a most successful and pleasant gathering in all respects.

The plan put in operation by the Executive Committee succeeded admirably, and the cause of Alpha Tau Omega has been greatly strengthened in Georgia. We would advise every State to organize and hold such annual meetings.

The speeches were admirable. One of the most telling fea-

tures was the reading of the letters from the alumni. The Executive Committee earnestly requests the publication of these speeches and letters in the *Palm*. They can but do great good.

We regret not to be able to forward at once the address of Bro. (Rev.) Dr. C. D. Campbell. All the others will be received in time for this issue of the *Palm*. The letters of the alumni will show something of the spirit and interest of our older brothers in Fraternity matters. It is a grand showing.

We will close this communication with a summary from the daily papers of Macon, which gives a fair account of the attendance and public proceedings:

The meeting of the Georgia State Association of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity at the chapel of Christ church was an event of much interest to those who attended.

Thursday night, October 30th, the business meeting was held. A large number of members of the Fraternity from all parts of the State were present, and there were seventy-eight regular delegates. The three chapters of the Order in Georgia were reported as being in a flourishing state. The number of members in the chapter at the State University is 10, at Emory College, 24, and at Mercer University, 27. The number of alumni members in the State was reported to be 254. Much business of great interest to the Fraternity was transacted.

Interesting letters were read from Bishop C. T. Quintard, of Tennessee; Rev. Otis A. Glazebrook, of Virginia; Hon. E. M. Ross, of California; Col. Clifford W. Anderson, of Georgia; Jos. R. Anderson, Jr., Esq., of Virginia; Rev. Dr. T. T. Eaton, of Kentucky; Prof. N. Wiley Thomas, of Pennsylvania; Hon. H. H. Carleton, of Georgia, and from others.

The following Executive Committee was elected for the next year: C. P. Steed, President; John Farrar, Vice-President; John F. Scofield, Secretary; R. E. Findlay, Treasurer; Eugene Chambliss, M. D. Jones, Star Rogers.

John F. Schofield, of Macon, Ga., and W. H. Shaw, of Fort Valley, Ga., were elected delegates to the Congress of the Fraternity. The Congress meets in Philadelphia December 31st, 1884.

On Friday night, October 31st, the public exercises were held. An attentive audience was present. The proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. J. R. Winchester, rector of Christ church.

The President of the Association then introduced the first speaker, the Rev. Dr. Chas. D. Campbell, of Athens, Ga. The speaker's subject was, "The Rage for Money." We shall not attempt an outline of the address; it is sufficient to say that the address was one of the most thoughtful that has been delivered in Macon in many a day. C. P. Steed, Esq., of Macon, was the next speaker. His subject was, "Individualism." The address was full of wit and good sense, and our fellow townsman added fresh laurels to his reputation as a speaker.

A pleasant incident of the meeting was the presence of many members of the chapters of the Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Sigma Nu Fraternities, now holding useful and honorable positions in Mercer University.

After words of thanks to the audience, and brief parting remarks to the members of the fraternity, the President declared the Association adjourned, subject to the call of the Executive Committee.

A. IVERSON BRANHAM, *President.*

OUR PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTERS.

Being desirous of knowing the condition of Alpha Tau Omega in Pennsylvania we wrote to the several correspondents inquiring as to the standing of their chapters. At the University of Pennsylvania we find a gradual healthy growth—a chapter which our Fraternity may justly prize. At Lehigh University Alpha Tau Omega is already a power; one that is not boisterous, and while it is quiet, it can also be said to be that much the stronger. It is our pleasure often to meet the members of this chapter. They are elegant gentlemen, and last but not least, they show great interest in the coming Congress.

At Pennsylvania College our chapter is in a most flourishing condition. It will be remembered that upon this chapter the burden of the work of the Song Book rests. Help them, brothers, to make a full report at Congress. At Muhlenberg College the chapter has taken a fresh impetus and purchased the Omega outfit. Their hopes now are that they may be able to meet better material before long. We have not received a reply

as yet from Washington and Jefferson College. From present indications we shall have a hard fight, but think we may come out victorious. It is especially desired that this chapter should be represented at Philadelphia.

The question of a State Alumni Association is being agitated by some of the brothers.

N. W. T.

NORTH CAROLINA ALUMNI.

For fear the secretary may not forward his report in time for this number of the *Palm*, and as it is well the Fraternity should know of our late successful and delightful meeting, these few lines are unofficially sent in for immediate use.

In pursuance to call, the Alumni Association met at Raleigh October 16th, during the State Fair. It was presided over by Bro. W. H. Page. The address was delivered by Bro. Frank Spruil, and was an excellent one, although rather too short. We would have liked more of such earnest, sensible talk.

The meeting was well attended and much enthusiasm aroused. Of course the feeling was of the most earnest, tenderest kind, as is always the case, as far as our experience goes, when Alpha Taus meet.

There was one initiation by the N. C. Alpha-Delta Chapter—Bro. Pon, of Smithfield, N. C.

The banquet was given at the Yarborough House, and was thoroughly enjoyable, besides being very elegant in every detail.

Bro. Walter H. Page, who is a model Alpha Tau and one of the most charming of men, was re-elected Worthy Master, and Bro. Donnell Gilliam was elected orator for the next meeting.

We are sure that Bro. Page will see that the Association has a delegate at Congress.

The two chapters in this State were well represented at the meeting, and we can't but believe that much good must come to them from witnessing this genuine, earnest interest of the alumni.

D. W.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

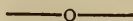
We have just had an annual meeting. It was held with the Alpha-Phi Chapter, at South Carolina College, Columbia. There were a large number of alumni and active members present. The meeting was a very successful and encouraging one. A delegate and alternate were elected to represent us at Congress, and there is no doubt but that one or the other will be present.

We can't refrain from expressing our pleasure at the condition of the chapter at Columbia. It draws the highest praise, with a single exception. The Hall is entirely outfitted, and active steps are being taken to supply this want. The membership is small, but the material excellent.

The Secretary will, doubtless, send the *Palm* a full report of the alumni meeting.

M. P. R.

MISCELLANY.



OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA FRATERNITY,
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HIGH COUNCIL,
November 20th, 1884.

*To the Chapters, Alumni Associations, and Brothers at Large—
Greeting :*

The Constitution requires that "Congress meet every two years, on the *last* Wednesday in December of every alternate year." Therefore, the next Congress of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity will convene at the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa., on Wednesday, December 31st 1884. As there has been some confusion as to the *exact* day, let all concerned notice well.

The Congress will be called to order promptly at 11 o'clock A. M., on the aforementioned day, Bro. Thomas G. Hayes presiding. The address of welcome will be delivered by Bro. J. E. Jones, of the Pennsylvania Tau Chapter, University of Pennsylvania; and the response made by Bro. Walker Percy, of the Virginia Delta Chapter, University of Virginia. The poem will be read by Bro. R. S. Turk, of Huntersville, West Virginia; and the oration delivered by Bro. Walter H. Page, of Raleigh, North Carolina. The business sessions will be arranged to suit the convenience of the brothers, the greater part of the *three* days being given to the transaction of business. The full initiation service will be rendered the last (Friday) night, and immediately afterwards the banquet will take place.

Delegates must come furnished with proper credentials (Art. xvi, sec. 2, Constitution). Chapters and State associations are entitled to as many delegates as they choose to send, but each chapter or association can cast but *one* vote. All visiting brothers are entitled to seats and a voice in Congress. Let every chapter and association be fully represented, and let the alumni come in great numbers.

A full attendance is strongly urged, and especially are the alumni invited to be present. Brothers are requested, as far as possible, to wear the badge and the colors of the Fraternity.

The Continental Hotel, at which the rate of board for all brothers attending Congress will be \$3.00 per day, will be headquarters, at which all Alpha Taus will promptly report upon arrival. The Committee of Reception of the Pennsylvania Tau Chapter will meet all incoming trains, and any information of a local character can be obtained by addressing Bro. J. C. Jones, Chairman Committee of Arrangements, No. 64 north 8th street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Most fraternally and faithfully yours,

OTIS A. GLAZEBROOK,
Chairman of the High Council.

CLIPPINGS.

What is a Liberal Education?

[A Paper prepared by Bro. Chas. D. McPuckette, President West Georgia A. & M. College, forwarded to and read before the late State Association.]

The very happy surroundings in the midst of which you have met; the very pleasant auspices under which the first meeting of the Georgia State Association takes place, induce me to extend my heartiest congratulations to the earnest and zealous promoters of Fraternity work, through whose energy and active affection the bonds of Alpha Tau Omega have now more closely interlinked the fortunes and destinies of a brotherhood hitherto widely divergent in thought and action. And I am the more gratified at this gathering of the Fraternity, "in general convention assembled," when I recognize how opportune a season it is for the interchange of thought and sentiment upon those broad questions which lie at the very foundation of all progress and solid success in the Fraternity life.

The social feature of Alpha Tau Omega—its relation to questions of individual character—will doubtless be brought to the attention of the State Association by the distinguished brothers who are to address you. It is my purpose to enter upon a discussion of the character of the education which should receive the sanction of the Greek letter world—the type of mental culture we should endeavor to impress upon the Fraternity mass. The importance of thus outlining our intellectual altitude; of thus placing upon record our position with regard to the education problem, can be fully comprehended only by those who have been brought face to face with the intellectual struggles that have been in progress for the past thirty years.

A pronounced type of individualism is the product of our present educational processes. Specialization of labor has brought specialization of preparation for that labor, and thus we are equipping individual units for the work of each narrow sphere, omitting that broader mental culture wherein mankind is made intellectually one. The organic union of society; the intercorrelation of all forms of mind activity, are lost sight of in the attempt to dis sever each sphere of knowledge from its neighbor, and thus bring into being a multitude of mental monarchies, where all should be under one sovereign—that broader intellectual realm, where science is interlinked with science, and each province of thought fades into another, as the fertile plain insensibly gradates into the herbless desert.

This specialization in education bears its legitimate fruit in the prevalent utilitarianism. The education is not a "bread winning one," sums up the objection to the higher culture, and thus Mammon usurps the favored seat of the Muses, receiving that homage which of yore belonged to the gods and goddesses of the higher realm. The classic muse, so long a tender, lingering lover in these sunny glades and glens of the South, is put up for sale in the utilitarian market place, only to be cast aside among those many precious relics that cannot be measured by a financial yardstick. To such a pitch has this false worship of the useful been carried that men no longer hesitate to attack that type of education which is expansive of soul as well as productive of wealth, in an attempt to undermine all long current system of mind development which do not minister unto the prevailing "graspishness" of the age. It has been well and truly said, that "the maximum of utilitarian progress is the dissolution of the universe." Creature comforts, and creature comforts alone, cannot be the avowed objects of a permanent educational system. There must be a striving after the full and perfect development of the whole man—a desire to secure the realization of all the potentialities of a nature that is, through God's providence, not mechanical, but spiritual—"fire kindling itself at the fire of living thought." The mind, Carlyle has truly declared, is not a vegetable, to be nourished and sustained by whatever of mechanical compost we may choose to throw around it during its years of growth and expansion. The mind is a living germ, brought into being with the innate power of receiving and imparting, destined to high and lofty aims, if it but be trained aright.

The tendency of the modern educational system is to lessen that broad bond of sympathy between men which has been worshipped, glorified, and even deified by positivists in all ages and

in every clime. The narrowness of the intellectual aim reacts upon the sympathetic nature of man, and constrains that broad philosophy which, under other conditions, would germinate and prove fruitful of untold blessings to the race. The breadth of one's intellectual horizon will determine, in a great measure, the true philosophic breadth of his sympathies. To be rationally sympathetic, the mental scope must be able to grasp widely divergent truths.

The process of differentiation in the physical world finds its counterpart in the development of manners, customs, beliefs, educational creeds. The higher the civilization, in the modern sense, the more complex the social organism, the more narrow the limits of the struggle for existence, the more definite the outline of the contending forces in human life—by the progress of these may be measured the tendency toward an unwise specialization in matters of education. I do not urge the abandonment of special work in limited spheres of knowledge. The work of the specialist is valuable and permanent, but this specialism must be conserved by a careful recognition of the bearing upon the special science of other and cognate branches of knowledge. More than this: all specialism must be consciously based upon some tangible philosophical system, linking discovery with discovery, and bringing the whole into harmony with that essential unity of all knowledge, toward which the human mind is constantly striving.

It is my aim, however, to present to you an outline of what I conceive to be a truly liberal education. The conflict of the two systems—the one mechanical, commercial, “mammonic”—the other mentally invigorating, elevating of soul, expansive of sympathetic nature—is a conflict not in detail, but in substance; is radical, not merely superficial. My object is to advocate that system of education which will open to the mind of the young vistas of varied learning, and so to strengthen the neophyte's sight, as to enable him to scan the broad horizon of mental achievement before he chooses his own special path, to toughen the fibres of his intellectual being, and to form judgment and taste, without reference to immediate ends, to prolong and broaden the work of preparation in the belief that his future educational life will turn to account the long labor of mental discipline, and thus make general culture the highest practical means to the accomplishment of truly practical ends.

This general education involves a long period of careful preparation, of labor, of waiting, that contributes little to the student's support, and thus is beyond the reach of many in every

sphere. They regard such training with grave dislike, and even contempt, applying to the entire social world that course of educational training which necessity has forced them to adopt. The vain nothings of the unbalanced theorist form argument sufficient to bring into bolder relief the useful work of the practical laborer. They do not reflect that hypothesis, carefully proclaimed and accurately limited, is the necessary condition of educational advance—the only permanent impetus to further intellectual research. They proclaim that a new age demands a new training; that a modern society calls for modern methods; that the old is worn out, and that all things must be made anew—a false practicality blindly antagonizing that which it does not comprehend.

What is a liberal education? What are its salient features? In what does its distinctiveness consist? A liberal education, in my opinion, embraces, in detail, training akin to this:

I.—LINGUISTIC TRAINING.

Of all the elements that enter into true educational culture, accurate and appreciative language training is of most value. The elaborateness of the rigid system of the Latin, its fixity, the human element it embodies, working, it may be, in the chains and fetters of a narrow system, awaken in the mind a species of wonder at that most variable and fickle element, ever appearing, ever disappearing, forever becoming—this deposit of human thought—language—made truly subservient to the iron fixedness of a people that knew only to obey.

The very exactness of the speech, its well-defined methods of expression, its elaborately artificial syntactical scheme, are but the reflex of the character of the Roman people—the human element entering into the prosy paths of general grammar. The training of the mind in this the more perfect of the ancient classics, opens up a view of ancient civilization of the domination of a strong nation, that cannot be obtained through any other medium. One scene in the great panorama of events is thus brought vividly before the student; and the result is a broadening of the mental horizon, a casting aside of narrow conceptions of human life. The study, therefore, of this useful language I would the more especially insist is a necessity in any well ordered plan of liberal education. The utilitarians have usually conceded as much, and the study of the Latin thus requires no defence from me.

But the Greek, the delicately plastic speech, reflecting the lights and shadows of the whole mental being, a glimpse here of a feel-

ing, there of a thought, rigid only as man is rigid, adapted to strike the tenderest chord of the sympathetic nature, or the grandest conception of the mind—this wonderful language, embodying in its literature the germs of every science, the faint beginnings of all human thought, is so necessary a part of a liberal education that a man cannot be truly educated without some knowledge of its structure and literature. I believe it to be the most important in our whole educational system. I rejoice that my collegiate course circled around the classical languages, and I am prepared to assert that, had my boyhood's training received a more pronounced Greek cast, my manhood's mental work would be better done. The grasp of mind, the insight into the mysterious border-land, where form is lost in the gradual absorption of matter by spirit, the tracing out of the heights and depths of the dominion of thought—all this tendency of the higher nature towards an educational ideal can be attributed to the influence of the Greek; to its most plastic and humanizing character. Upon the study of this tongue, then, I would the more especially rely to give a lofty and non-mercantile tone to a liberal education.

The modern classics, so especially commended by the modern school of educational methods, are valuable to the student as illustrating the phases of human character with which each has to deal. They further give him a clear conception of language as a process. "Language is what it is becoming." The great wealth of modern German thought opens up to the mind a sphere of activity, second to none furnished by the world of to-day. The French, not so prolific, has given us a polite literature, quite essential to the complete rounding of the mental self; and for this reason deserves a place in a broadly liberal educational scheme.

The bent of the "commercial school" in matters of education is towards the English tongue, that most wonderful structure, assimilating to itself, from the entire domain of speech, whatever necessity demands. In its complexity, its hardy vigor, its adaptation to the shifting needs of thought expression, its massive literature, its every day use, its remarkable growth, it should most certainly demand the closest study and most careful attention from students in every sphere.

The specialism I would commend should begin when a liberal education has presented the pupil with a certificate of preparation for future work. Let the broader study be supplemented by technical training. No advocate of a liberal education will question the necessity of special, detailed acquirement as a prerequisite to success in life, but this training must be the superstructure,

raised upon a basis of broad and liberal culture, given before the definite aim of the student's life is made known.

But linguistic training has possibly no direct bearing upon the special field of work the student will eventually select; and thus does not commend itself very highly to the practical mind of an ultra-practical age. The connection between general culture and special preparation does not lie upon the surface, and classical training thus meets with the strongest and sternest opposition from those whose educational vision is limited to the immediate horizon.

But the study of language in its world aspects is the true method of securing its greatest benefits for the purposes of general culture. No student is fully armed and equipped for the linguistic battle whose mental survey does not embrace the general aspects of language—its true character as the medium for the expression of human thoughts, the sediment of the mind, controlled by the intellect, yet imposing in turn trammels upon it. It is this breadth of view that is required which so enhances the value of language work in the preparation for a special calling. The wide grasp of fact, the careful induction, both tend to the development of brain power. The study of language, therefore, underlies all literature, all expression of thought, and permeates all phases of educational culture. How necessary, then, that this should be made a part of all schemes of liberal education.

The study of the ancient classics has been made the subject of special attack during the past year, the burden of the criticism being the alleged non-practical results attained after years of patient study. I know that many will antagonize my views when I declare to you that, with the choice between rival systems, popular demand has nothing to do. In matters of this character the public is more apt to be wrong than right. The decision must rest with that relatively small body of highly educated men, whose attainments will justify the expression of an opinion. Instances are not lacking wherein a strong, popular demand in educational systems has been acceded to, only to be followed by the total failure of the people to sustain the new order of things. The public does not know what will secure the results it desires, and it is far from wise to yield to a demand that is doubtless whimsical, and destined to be quickly transformed into something only slightly more whimsical. I have alluded to this attack only as a matter of current history. However much popular opinion may shift, that which is a real and permanent component of true education must remain. There may be an antagonistic tide at present; its subsidence will only bring into more pronounced promi-

nence the value of the ancient classics as a means—a very practical means—of liberal culture.

I beg now to direct your attention to another branch of the training required for what I conceive to be a liberal education. The great progress made within the past century and a half in the gathering of scientific facts and their proper classification, enables the educator of to-day to bestow upon the student a high degree of

II.—SCIENTIFIC TRAINING.

What is exact science, is a difficult question. All organized knowledge is scientific, whether it be concerned with language or the purely physical world. Pure abstractions, the quaternionions of Tait, the Calulus of Newton and Leibnitz, on the one hand, and the concrete phenomena of material objects—the combinations and separations of the elements—on the other, are alike classified as exact science. We have Biblical science, mathematical science, linguistic science; in short, each special department of thought, classified into a coherent and consistent whole, becomes a science. The value attaching to such scientific training is its exactness, and the consequent satisfaction of the mind at arriving at definite certainty. Language, in the literary sense, gives a lively play to the individual fancy; science is a matter of accurate observation, and searches for truth, even if it be but dull common-place. Follow language for the intellectual development of man, for the structure of society, for the classification of thought; follow physical science for the development, the structure, the classification of animal and plant. The scientific training of which I speak has to do with the physical world. The results reached by this technical science trench upon Biblical truths so closely that, though the subject be trite, I must beg you to indulge me in a brief outline of the conflicting views now held by rival schools of thought. A discussion of these will show the great value of accurate scientific training in furnishing a rational basis for beliefs existing now only by force of tradition. The teachings of Genesis and science are said to conflict. The Biblical account of creation, and the results of scientific investigation, are said to be widely at variance. There are three doctrines possible and held on this matter:

1. There are those who think that the teaching of Genesis in the way of science is all the science intended for man to have; that we should seek no further science; that in the Bible is all the science right for man, and that all beyond is wrong.

2. There are those who say that there is no true science at all

in the Bible; that Genesis is filled with that science which was held among the Hebrews at the writing of the Old Testament, and hence the latter contains only the imperfect, erroneous "Science" then in vogue. This is the side of the infidel; and even there are professed Christians who accept all teachings of the Bible with regard to spiritual matters, but reject its authority on those of science. Such faith is incompatible with Christianity; for, if the Bible is unworthy of credence in one particular, in all others also our faith might be misplaced. What there is of it must be all right or all wrong, credible or non-credible.

3. There are those who declare that what science there is in the Bible is all correct. There are many reasons why it should not unfold a more complete and detailed science than is actually found therein. It was intended as a revelation of religion, and not of science. But it is clear that sufficient science was required to show the relations between God and His Creation, in outline at least. Had a complete and detailed science been given, it would have rendered unnecessary the faculties God has given us for getting this science for ourselves. The fact of our having such powers shows that God intended us to use them. And He would not have revealed all that science possible for man, and thus made our powers useless and superfluous.

Hence, according to this latter view—with which I most heartily agree—the Bible does contain some science, and true science. But such as is only a comprehensive, fundamental outline—not filling it up, and giving all details and expansions. When we have attained a true science with the details, there will be found perfect correspondence with Genesis in the outline; and an outline is all the Christian could expect. Science is a growth; and, for this reason, is especially valuable to the young student as illustrating a realm of knowledge in process of formation. The ancient classics can be measured with exactness; science cannot. But this science, now not permanent, but constantly progressing, is coming more truly and nearly into accord with the construction of Biblical science; and a true, fixed science will bring perfect harmony between the two.

If the Bible had contained a detailed science, there would be reason to suspect its being the work of man; for we have evidences now of a widespread science among the ancients. The temples and monuments of Babylon, made known by the efforts of modern scholarship, bear testimony to the high degree of scientific knowledge then prevailing.

I have not the time to go into a detailed statement of the correspondence between the geological and biblical records, period

by period, finally reaching man, the apex of creation. It suffices to say, that the harmony between the two in outline is satisfactory to the human mind, and fully bears out the statement that there is some science, and true science, in the Bible.

I have dwelt thus minutely upon this phase of scientific truth, because it gives us a glimpse at the broader questions awaiting solution by the progress of science. The inviting fields thus opened to the student must give an impetus to scientific research that will render all pleas for the necessity of scientific training unnecessary. A liberal education will seek the solution of the problem of the origin of man, and thus determine whether species were separately created, as Agassiz maintains; or, following Mr. Darwin, were descended from each other by variation, development, natural selection. So long as questions akin to these arise, there will be a place for science in every scheme of liberal education, and so long as science is studied, there will be freshness, vigor, exactness in human thought.

To develop acuteness, to promote accuracy of thought, a liberal education will require a pronounced type of

III.—MATHEMATICAL TRAINING.

With regard to the necessity for this class of mind training, all parties are agreed. The utilitarian and his opponent are here seemingly as one. They declare with equal warmth that the science of quantity deserves a place in every plan of education; but they are not quite certain that their ideas of what the science of quantity really is will coincide. They both demand mathematics. But what is mathematics? And what is mathematical training? The utilitarian deals with the mechanism of operations, with surface indications, content to know the rule without regard to the broader principles that underlie it. Discussions as to the nature of quantity are beyond his scope. How much corn can be stored in a given barn, or the number of shingles required for the roof of a dwelling, represent the type of mathematical education he would impart. The training I would commend must include all this, and more. The nature of quantity, the vast field of mathematical symbolism, that shadowy domain where quantity fades into energy, where mathematics gradates into metaphysics, where plurality sinks into unity—these are the spheres into which higher scholarship would lead the student, and bid him find for himself a rational basis for the rules he has learned to employ. But the chief value of this sphere of knowledge is not the immediate use made of it in every day life. It is, in its essence, a matter of pure

mind training, and is only indirectly employed in solving questions of present moment. The boast that what we have learned in numbers remains with us for daily practical use is the height of absurdity. There is no field of knowledge so purely abstract, and so pointedly directed towards expansion of mind power, pure and simple, without ulterior aim. Are not the practical affairs of this world managed by men who are as ignorant of quaternions as they are of Greek; who recognize as little difference between differentiation and integration, as they do between the Ionic dialect and the Attic? If the abstract calculus is to be given up, what becomes of your very practical physics and mechanics?

The superiority of the broader training which I advocate to that which is now so universally popular is apparent at a glance to him who looks below the surface. I would especially impress upon the Fraternity men now gathered together the importance of giving your aid and support to the views which I have imperfectly presented. Upon a wise conservatism in matters of education ultimately depends the success or failure of our institutions. A development of individualism, a narrowing of intellectual aim, may minister unto progress, as now understood, but the end will come in the sundering of that world-sympathy which now links man with man.

Individualism.

[An Oration delivered by Bro. CHAS. P. STEED, before the Georgia State Association.]

When Lord Beaconsfield made his first speech in the House of Commons, he failed, and sat down amid the ridicule and laughter of the whole body. But he told them that he had begun many things at different times, and had succeeded in them at last, and that the time would yet come when they would hear him. And the time did come when not only the House of Commons, but the whole English people heard him, and hung on his words.

Napoleon was not extra bright at school, but in after life, when they told him that the Alps stood in the way of his troops, he said, "There shall be no Alps," and forthwith constructed a road over regions almost inaccessible.

Ben Hill gave no early promise of greatness, but ere the Omnipotent power stilled his mighty tongue he not only stood before a listening Senate and, single-handed, defended his native section from the malice and prejudice of its enemies, but he en-

graved his name on the heart of every Southern man and inspired the whole people with the profoundest respect for his character.

The career of these men illustrates a principle that enters into the success of every man, and that principle is individualism.

By individualism is not meant selfishness, or exclusiveness, or singularity, or the possession of any peculiar talent. A man may assassinate a President and not have it, or write the "Raven," or "Childe Harold," and not have it; or he may hold himself better than his peers, or esteem himself peculiarly handsome, or wear a peculiar hat, or carry a peculiar cane, or cultivate a peculiar laugh, or a singular pronunciation of plain English, or part his hair peculiarly in the middle, and still not possess individualism.

Individualism is that which makes a man separate and distinct from other men, not because he is peculiar in his manner, speech or condition, but because he thinks, acts and speaks for himself; because he lays his own plans, and devises his own means for carrying them out; because he meets the difficulties of life with resources of his own invention; because he discharges his duty with patience and an unwavering purpose; because he draws hope, courage and strength from his own heart and head.

Disraeli, Napoleon and Ben Hill were not directed and pushed forward by other men; they were guided by their own heads and urged on by their own hearts. It is true that men are not generally called on to do what these men have done, but in business, politics, religion, society, a man can possess and exhibit the highest individualism. The man who is successful in any walk of life possesses it in a greater or less degree. The man who performs the same thing, by the same rule, day after day, and year in and year out, is upheld only by the courage and strength that exists within his own individual being.

Some conditions are more favorable to the development of individualism than others. A majority of our successful men emerged, awkwardly enough, from the plain and simple rural districts. The advantage of country life over city life in this particular is obvious; any boy will possess individualism, if of any account at all, who is raised on a farm, and compelled, from the beginning, to exercise his own judgment, courage, and strength, in paddling a bateau, in handling a gun, in training a horse, in splitting rails, in laying off corn-rows, in digging ditches, in getting up at daylight, and last, but not least, in getting work out of the trifling darkey.

Some boys preserve their character when they leave the farm, and some lose it, and that makes the difference in men.

Many a boy is ruined by being sent to college. He enters

under the impression often, that he knows a great deal, and that he is very smart, and when he discovers his mistake, finding that he cannot learn by intuition, he becomes discouraged, throws up his books, and goes in for a good time, at the expense of his morals and the old man's pocket book. Some students, instead of going to their rooms at night and digging out their Latin and Greek for next day, linger with jolly companions, or do worse, and next day ask some industrious fellow to show them how it is, or get a translation and obtain by aid of it a barely passable knowledge of the subject. Some have not sense enough to get the thing with a translation right before their eyes, and all such ought to develop their individualism in some other sphere. A student who habitually uses a translation, or borrows the assistance of his fellows, is not only without individualism, but is seriously wanting in the principles of common honesty.

There is a lack of individualism in business. The nefarious credit system will take the strength, courage and independence out of almost any man that falls under its power. There is hardly a merchant in this town who does not lie down at night and get up in the morning wondering how he is to meet some bank draft by one o'clock. He bows and smiles to sell his goods, and then has to bow a little lower and smile a little broader to get his money for them. The merchant owes the manufacturer, the customer owes the merchant, somebody owes the customer, and away they go, one after another, and the devil take the hindmost. Each is dependent on the other, and when one falls all go, like the little thin wooden blocks that children stand on edge in a row and then overturn the first to see the whole row go down.

In politics there is a serious want of individualism. The people are the dupes of parties, newspapers and designing politicians. The political opinions of the public are formed by the hasty and flimsy editorials that grace the average daily, the cheap party platforms, and the noncommittal, irresponsible letters of acceptance. Men become so dependent upon their newspapers, that, however well informed they may be, they will not have any opinion till they have seen their paper. They are like the school-teacher who knew the capital of Maine, but had to look into his geography before he could command a sufficient flow of language to express it. The success of the English government is largely due to the "distinctive personal energy and strong individualism" of Englishmen, that enables them to consider public questions, not from merely personal or mercenary motives, but on general principles, and independent of their daily paper. Carelessness, ignorance, and want of independent thought on political ques-

tions by business men and working men, will do more than all else to centralize the power, and bring to destruction the free institutions that have come down to us from the battle fields of the revolution.

In religious matters there is a want of individualism. We have preachers to think and pray for us, and choirs to sing for us. There is a strong disposition on the part of church-people to let the preacher do all their thinking, and to accept what he says as gospel, without any personal investigation of the Bible; to let him do all their praying, both public and private; and to let the choir sing the hymns of praise, while they criticise the success of the performance. In the Catholic church there is no individualism among the members. The individual is merged in the priest; before the priest he trembles, to the priest he confesses, in the priest he finds his faith, and from the priest he begs forgiveness and his hopes of heaven. It is one of the blessings of the new dispensation that every man is individualized before his Maker, is his own priest and psalmist, and heaven forbid that we should drift back into a catholicism no less pernicious because unnamed.

In society there is an absurd want of individualism. If fashion demands blondes, the hair is bleached; if it demands brunettes, the hair is dyed without compunction. If it demands a moustache, art is called in to aid exhausted nature; if a smooth face is demanded, the carefully raised product is cut off in its bloom. We should obey customs, but not at the expense of our independence, our principles, and our morals. We should respect the opinions of others, but not offer up our own on the altar. We should keep in sight of fashion, but not throw ourselves under its feet, like the idolators of India before the car of Juggernaut, and have all the manhood and womanhood crushed out of us. Society offers many temptations, but it will not give greatness or happiness, and some who plunge into it, expecting to realize its bright appearances, meet the fate of the Grecian who jumped into Vesuvius that the people might think that the gods had taken him, but at a subsequent eruption the mountain threw out one of his brass sandals, and the people knew that he had not gone to the gods.

Human sympathy is sweet and consoling. There is nothing sweeter than when we have a real trouble to go to some friend whom we can fully trust, open our hearts, and receive the soothing consolation; but must we rush to our friends with every trouble and difficulty? Must we never seek strength and consolation from within ourselves? Old men who have seen success,

and young men just beginning life, when they meet disappointment, worry themselves and their friends till they end all by suicide. Suicides have become alarmingly frequent, and of all weak and foolish things suicide is the weakest and most foolish; yet, every man who is forever leaning on others, and being lead and directed by their advice and example, is liable to give way when the time comes, as come it does in every man's life, when he must face his trial. When a man is gloomy and disappointed, let him draw from within himself the light that will dispel the darkness around him and the strength that will overcome the difficulty. Let him not bury his trouble in the cup, nor attempt to drive it away in the company of gay companions, nor take his life; let him turn and face it; let him stand, stand like a stone wall. If a young man has the blues, let him bear them till he can throw them off; let him not go and call on his girl, whine out to her his tale of woe, and thereby confirm her, if she is sensible in her belief, that he is an idiot, or delude her, if she is not sensible, into the belief that she is his patron saint, and that in her soft words of sympathy depend all his hopes of future greatness and power.

If he is poor, as he generally is, let him go to work and stop dreaming and whining; let him be economical. If he is not able to buy a new coat, let him wear the old one. No man can give a better reason for not having a new garment than that he has not the money to pay for it. Yet, how few have the courage to give this best of all reasons. Let him be truthful, honest, temperate, virtuous, and let him do his duty patiently and persistently. He may not be brilliant, he may fail again and again, but he will have in his heart the elements of happiness and of ultimate and complete success.

Tennyson has said, "Self-reverence, self-respect, and self-control, these three always lead life to sovereign power."

After the pathetic remnant of the Confederate army laid down its arms at Appomattox, and the Confederate sword was delivered up to the victors, Gen. Lee told his sick and starving soldiers to go back to their families, and though their country was conquered, their fortunes ruined, their homes desecrated, yet they would always have with them the strong assurance of duty faithfully performed. And this assurance has done more than any other one thing to bring about an acceptance of the results of the war, and the wonderful recuperation of the South. And this assurance, which can result from and accompany only a distinct and positive individualism, will do more than any other thing to help the individual to live in this world.

Alpha Tau Omega teaches individualism of the highest order. It teaches truth, virtue and love. To be truthful a man must speak from his own knowledge, his own judgment, his own convictions. To be virtuous, he must have self-control, self respect, and "a clean heart within him." If he has love, he not only rejoices in truth and virtue, but he also fulfils the law, works no ill to his neighbor, is kind, envieth not, is not puffed up, does not behave himself unseemly, thinks no evil; he "beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things," and in the midst of difficulties his heart "never faileth." There is no higher individualism than this.

Let the State Association be organized. It will gather strength with time and numbers. It will become a power on the side of truth and morality. In the words of Bishop Quintard, "It is an influence that counteracts human selfishness, promotes social happiness, and makes itself felt in every heart. As are the individuals, so is the State, and this association, by its direct influence on the hearts of individuals, may be made a great factor in the future of Georgia. Let us attend its annual meetings, let us be faithful to each other as members of it, let us contribute to its treasury, let us open our hearts and receive full into them the broad sunlight of its noble influences.

The Spirit of our Alumni.

The following letters were received and read before the Georgia State Association. They are published at the earnest request of the Executive Committee, who appreciate their great value to the Fraternity at large, as giving all an insight into the love and constancy of our beloved and devoted alumni:

[From the Rt. Rev. CHAS. T. QUINTARD, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of Tennessee.]

SEWANEE, TENN., 15th October, 1884.

To Lucius Elijah Williams, Secretary of the Executive Committee, &c., Macon, Ga.:

My Dear Brother:—I greatly regret that it will be impossible for me to attend the meeting of the Georgia State Association of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity on the 30th October. A year ago I accepted an invitation to preach in All-Saints Cathedral,

Milwaukie, Wisconsin, on the festival of All Saints, November 1st. I should be very glad to attend the Fraternity meeting in Macon. Georgia was my home for a number of years, and in Macon I have warm friends who *still survive* in spite of the pills and potions I gave them when I began life as a young physician in their fair city, some six and thirty years ago.

Then too I should be most glad of an opportunity to meet the brethren, and testify by my presence my high appreciation of the great and good influence of our Fraternity on college life.

The more I see of its working, the more I am convinced that it exercises a direct influence for good, in creating a high standard of manners and morals and promoting healthful sentiments in undergraduate life.

It counteracts human selfishness, and promotes social happiness. It puts in operation that moral principle which brings with it the whole train of social virtues with their benign results.

It is an influence which makes itself felt in every heart, animates every brother to noble bearing and to lofty action, and really penetrates college life in a way that secures healthful discipline and good order.

I need not enlarge on the tie that binds us into one great brotherhood. It is a saying of Burke that, "Men are not tied to one another by papers and seals. They are led to associate by resemblances, by conformities, by sympathies. Nothing is so strong a tie of amity as correspondence in customs, manners and habits of life. They have more than the force of treaties in themselves. They are obligations written in the heart."

With all cordial good wishes to the members of your Association, I am,

Yours faithfully in the bonds of Alpha Tau Omega,

CHARLES TODD QUINTARD,

Bishop of Tennessee and Worthy Grand Chaplain,

Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

[From Judge ERSKINE M. ROSS, of the Supreme Bench of California, and one of the Founders of the Fraternity.]

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., October 4, 1884.

A. I. Branham, President Georgia State Association, A. T. Ω.:

*Dear Brother :—*Your favor under date September 17th, and addressed to me at Sacramento, has been received here. I am

greatly obliged by the invitation of the Executive Committee of your Association to attend and deliver an address at its meeting in Macon on the 30th inst. It would give me great pleasure to accept the invitation and comply with the request if it were in my power to do so; but I regret to say it is not. My engagements are such that it is impossible for me to leave the State at the time indicated. I am glad to know that the order established by a few good and true friends so many years ago has grown and prospered. I trust it may continue to do good, which was the object of its founders.

Be pleased to convey to the Committee my sincere thanks for the invitation so kindly extended.

With my best wishes for you all, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

E. M. ROSS.

[From the Rev. T. T. EATON, D. D., Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.]

LOUISVILLE, KY., Oct. 26th, 1884.

Mr. A. I. Brnham, President Georgia Association, A. T. O.:

My Dear Brother:—I beg a thousand pardons, if it takes that many to win your forgiveness, for failing to reply to your letter sooner.

It would give me great pleasure to attend the meeting of the Georgia State Association, but that pleasure is denied me. It is a capital idea you are working out in Georgia, and one that means good for our loved Fraternity. My devotion to the cause of Alpha Tau Omega has suffered no abatement. Such material as that which forms our Fraternity is the hope of the country. In the midst of the selfish greed, the grovelling aims, and the moral pollution around us, it is for us to lift high our cherished banner, firmly maintain our principles, and bear a noble part in securing the triumph of truth and righteousness in the land we love. Numbers vi, 24, 25 and 26.

Regretting that I cannot be with you, and hoping the meeting in Macon will be all that you desire, I am,

Most fraternally yours,

T. T. EATON.

[FROM CLIFFORD W. ANDERSON, Colonel Commanding First Regiment Georgia Volunteers,
Savannah, Ga.]

SAVANNAH, GA., October 28th, 1884.

*A. I. Branham, President Georgia State Association, A. T. O.,
Macon, Ga.:*

My Dear Brother:—I deeply regret that pressing business engagements render it impossible for me to be present at the meeting of the Georgia State Association of the Alpha Tau Omega and deliver an address, as kindly invited by your committee to do. Nothing could afford me greater pleasure than to attend the Fraternity meeting in your beautiful and hospitable city and comply with your request were it in my power to do so, but I regret to say it is not. I am probably the oldest member of the Fraternity in Georgia, and I should only be too glad of an opportunity to meet the brethren, and testify, by my presence, my high appreciation of the great and good influence of our Fraternity, as I have ever watched with pride its progress and growth. Our Society was founded by Otis A. Glazebrook and Alfred Marshall, dear friends of mine. I became a member during my cadet days at the Virginia Military Institute, and to the younger members of the Order many interesting leaves from its early history I could unfold, which I am sure would prove of deep interest to them. Planted like an acorn, by these young men of genius, it has grown into a majestic oak. Born in obscurity, nurtured in poverty, she has grown in strength, in usefulness, and in the affections of the good and true wherever her altars have been erected.

One of its founders, the brilliant Marshall, fell in the full meridian of his spotless career a victim to yellow fever a few years ago in the Mississippi Valley. In the path of duty, in the full power of manhood, he passed through the valley of the shadow of death into the great unknown, honored and beloved by all who knew him. No words of mine can adequately express the fulness of his worth, the extent of his loss. In tones of tenderness I mention his name. As in physical nature, vines, and tendrils, and flowers, grow around verdant ruins, so around these sacred ruins of the heart, amidst whose solemn shades we all sometimes love to wander, green memories twine, as I recall the memory of this beloved friend of my youth, and hang before it my humble wreath of immortelles.

The other founder, the Rev. Otis A. Glazebrook, is well known and beloved by your people. As a youth, truth, *courage* and de-

votion to duty were the controlling principles of his life and action. He was always a leader among the cadets, and he combined, to a greater degree than any man I ever met, the tenderness of a woman, with the spirit of the lion when roused; and in the sad accident which befell him three years ago in the mysterious dispensation of an all-wise Providence, he furnished an example of serene and dignified composure, of unshaken constancy, and incorruptible faith, of Christian fortitude, and cheerful resignation to the Divine will, worthy of all imitation.

Such at least is my appreciation of the founders of our Order. I loved them, and love and fraternity are the main-springs of our Society. I need not enlarge on these ties that bind us into one great brotherhood.

Be pleased to convey my regrets to the committee, and with my best wishes for you all, and hoping to be present at the next roll-call,

I am yours fraternally in the bonds of Alpha Tau Omega,
CLIFFORD W. ANDERSON.

[From Prof. N. Wiley Thomas, Ph. D., Muhlenburg College, Allentown, Pa.]

ALLENTOWN, PA., October 6th, 1884.

*To the Executive Committee of Georgia State Association of A. T. Θ.,
Greeting:*

I am sorry to be obliged to ask you to allow me to postpone my visit to Macon until I can manage to grasp a little time that I may call my own. At present college-work renders my visit impossible. To me it would indeed be a great pleasure to visit you. I should like to greet you in your temple, and mingle with you in your homes. I am confident I should feel, as in the past, that to appreciate an Alpha Tau you must visit him. At a meeting of the High Council, lately held in Philadelphia, we were highly gratified to see every where the evidences of a greater zeal on the part of the alumni. While it is to some extent true that the undergraduate's work is more difficult, yet, to strengthen their hands the alumni must labor whenever and wherever possible. To further this end we will have in our next Congress delegates representing our alumni. I cannot close without congratulating you upon the renewed success of our fraternity.

To-day the cause of Alpha Tau Omega is a national one. Let us labor to spread its influence and prestige, and by so doing bestow blessings upon posterity.

Thanking you, and highly appreciating the honor you confer upon me, I am,

Yours fraternally,

N. WILEY THOMAS.

[From JOSEPH R. ANDERSON, Esq., W. G. K. A., Thorncliff, Goochland Co., Va.]

THORNCLIFF STOCK FARM, LEE P. O., }
Goochland Co., Va., October 6, 1884. }

A. I. Branham, President Georgia State Alumni Association, of A. T. O., Macon, Ga.:

My Dear Brother:—I have but recently returned to my farm here (where I now reside) after a long absence, and find your very kind letter of the 17th ult., conveying the flattering invitation of your Executive Committee to be present at the meeting of the Association, to be held in Macon on the 30th inst., and deliver an address during the public exercises.

I am deeply sensible of the honor the Association confers upon me, and would give more than I can tell you to be with the dear fellows on the occasion of your reunion, but it is simply impossible for me to leave home at that time. I shall, however, try to find time between this and the 30th to jot down some thoughts on the subject of Alumni Associations in general, and of your own in particular, and read them to you.

I was enjoying a most charming visit with another brother Alpha Tau to our dear Bro. Glazebrook when he received the information from you of the coming together last month of the Georgia brothers, and of their consequent action; and we rejoiced together over the renewed and still more vigorous indications of Alpha Tau Omega prosperity in grand old Georgia. Oh, the happy time we had together around his hospitable hearthstone.

I had been so long out of service that I was very happy to hear from the fountain-head, as it were, of our dear fraternity's onward march. Surely we have nothing to fear now. Please convey to the dear brothers composing your Executive Committee my unfeigned thanks for their kind invitation, and my sincere regret that I will be unable to be with them *in persona*, but they may be assured my heart will be with them.

With the warmest affection for you, personally, I am, my dear brother,

Yours, in our sacred bonds,

JOS. R. ANDERSON, JR.

[From the Hon. H. H. CARLTON, Athens, Ga.]

ATHENS, GA., October 18th, 1884.

Mr. L. E. Williams, Secretary Executive Committee A. T. Ω. Fraternity, Macon, Ga.:

My Dear Sir and Brother:—Continued absence from home, and an unusual press of business, public and professional, have prevented an earlier reply to your several communications. This seeming neglect must not be taken as an evidence of any lack of interest in our fraternity, and its most abundant success. Would that I had ample time to devote to its interest. My greatest desire is to see the fraternity grow and extend in a degree commensurate with the usefulness and worthiness of its purposes. I trust you may have a most interesting, pleasant and useful session of the fraternity on the 30th inst. I shall be in Macon on the 28th inst., when I will take great pleasure in calling on you and becoming a member of the State Association. I fear the meeting on the 30th inst. being in such close proximity to the meeting of the general assembly, I shall not be able to remain during the meetings and exercises of the Association. Will if I can, be this as it may, nevertheless, my heart and best wishes shall be with you.

I am yours, truly and fraternally,

H. H. CARLTON.

[From President CHAS. McD. PUCKETTE, A. M., West Georgia A. & M. College, Hamilton, Ga.]

HAMILTON, GA., October 28th, 1884.

Mr. A. I. Branham, President Georgia State Association, A. T. Ω. Fraternity:

Dear Brother:—I regret deeply that my labors here will prevent my attendance at the meeting of the State Association in Macon on Thursday next. Nothing could afford more unalloyed pleasure than to join once more in the old Alpha Tau Omega life, and share the joyous fellowship that will gather round the charmed Fraternity circle.

While you are to meet in the limited capacity of a State Association, it seems to me that this is a seasonable, right and proper time to present by resolution the views of the Fraternity in

Georgia upon questions of general interest to the entire Order. In this connection, I think it wise that we should suggest to the next Congress the advisability of adopting a more pliant ritual in the matter of initiation. Circumstances now compel, in many cases, a wide variation from the established ceremony, and this necessary violation the Fraternity must sanction, or have the integrity of its system somewhat destroyed. Let us suggest to Congress the adoption of a modified ritual, requiring full ceremony where paraphernalia can be had, but allowing a wise discretion in abridging and amending it where conditions are not such as to permit the use of the whole.

I trust your meeting may be pleasant to all, and productive of great good to the Fraternity.

Again expressing regrets at my inability to attend, I am, with regards to all the brothers,

Fraternally yours,

CHAS. MCD. PUCKETTE.

[From the Rev. OTIS A. GLAZEBROOK, Chaplain of the University of Virginia.]

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, October 27, 1884.

My Dear Bro. Branham:—It is one of the disappointments of my life not to be with the dear brothers at the meeting in Macon October 30th.

I love Macon dearly, and I feel the deepest interest in everything that pertains to her and Georgia. How deep, then, must be my love and how sincere my interest in those of her sons who wear the Maltese Cross! I know of nothing better for the Empire State than that her sons be inspired and regulated by the high and holy principles of Alpha Tau Omega. I probably did no better work during my stay in Macon than the founding of the Alpha-Zeta, and the impulse that thereby was given to the sacred cause throughout the State. When I think of all this, I can scarcely curb my impatience to come to you. Nothing but the most imperative demands keep me away. I had hoped, without committing myself, almost to the last, that I should be able to come. This is why I have put off writing to the last moment.

I have no advice to offer or suggestions to make. Such a wide awake organization as the Georgia Association seems to be, needs none. I have but regrets, deep, deep regrets and disappointment, that I cannot profit by the intercourse that would

come to me from being in contact with the earnest, loving hearts that beat in the bosoms of Georgia Alpha Taus.

May the meeting be a grand success, and may it establish our grand old Fraternity more strongly than ever in the rich soil of Georgia!

I shall think of you all, and be with you in spirit. Let me have full particulars; and, *without exception or reserve*, give my truest love to *every* brother present.

Ever yours in the dear bonds of Alpha Tau Omega,
OTIS A. GLAZEBROOK.

A Sad Announcement—An Esteemed Citizen Dies of Neuralgia of the Heart at San Antonio.

[From the Galveston Daily News.]

SAN ANTONIO, November 12.

WILLIS WALLACE, the bright and dashing district attorney of the Twenty-eighth Judicial district, died this morning of neuralgia of the heart. He had been in the city for several days, and retired to his room at the Southern hotel at the usual hour. He occupied the same bed with Ed. Vance, of Castroville, and they talked until nearly midnight. On retiring to rest nothing appeared to be the matter with Wallace. Mr. Vance, who is a restless sleeper, woke up about 4 o'clock, on hearing some one walking in the room. Finding that it was his companion, who again laid down without complaining, Vance fell asleep and was again aroused by hearing Wallace groaning. Supposing that his companion was suffering with a nightmare, Vance started to wake him, when he commenced breathing naturally. Again lying down, Vance noted that Wallace was not breathing at all, and on investigation found that the spirit of his companion had taken its flight from earth. The deceased was born in Fayetteville, Ark. He spent many of his boyhood days in this city with his aunt, Mrs. Evans, and on the Cibolo at the ranch of Captain W. A. Wallace. He was a general favorite with all of his relations, and was greatly petted. He was educated in Virginia, and afterward graduated at the Lebanon law school in 1872, at Lebanon, Tenn. While at school in Tennessee, he met Miss Sallie Gosling, a sister of Marshal Hal Gosling, whom he married in February, 1874, and located in Castroville, where he built up a reputation as a member of the bar. He was elected as district attor-

ney in 1878, which he held continuously to his death, and had been re-elected for the ensuing term, at the recent election, by a heavy majority. During his career as a prosecuting attorney, he has ever shown himself to be fearless and faithful to the interests of the State. Last fall, when the pastoral section of the State was paralyzed by the operations of the fence-cutters, and the law officers apparently at the mercy of the organized Blue Devils of the West, as they termed themselves, Mr Wallace instituted a commission for the suppression of fence cutting in his district, brought about seventy-five knights of the nippers to justice, and thus completely broke up the lawless gangs long before the remedial enactment of the extra session of the legislature went into effect. Court adjourned this morning until Friday, through respect for the deceased.

A committee, consisting of John A. Greene, Sr., Fred. Cocke, G. W. A. Brantley, J. A. Carr and Reagan Houston, was appointed to draw up suitable resolutions to present to the court, expressing the sense of the San Antonio bar on his death, which resolutions will be presented to the court on some suitable occasion, and ordered to be spread on the minutes.

The remains will be buried from the residence of his aunt, in this city, to-morrow morning. He leaves a wife and two children.

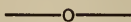
Brother Wallace was an alumnus of the chapter once existing at Lebanon, Tenn. He is the cousin of the wife of our dear Brother Dinwiddie. We extend to the bereaved family and friends our deepest sympathy.

Death of an Esteemed Citizen.

CASTROVILLE, November 12.

The community was saddened this morning by the announcement of the death of W. R. Wallace, which occurred in San Antonio at 4 o'clock this morning. Mr. Wallace has been district attorney for six years, and had just been re-elected by an overwhelming majority. The bar met and passed appropriate resolutions upon his death, which were spread upon the minutes of the Commissioners' Court.

LETTERS FROM THE CHAPTERS.



VIRGINIA BETA.

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY, Lexington, Va.

Editors Palm :—If you remember with what difficulty a letter was squeezed out of Virginia Beta last year, I am almost afraid to tell you that Fraternity matters are at a stand-still here, and that there has absolutely nothing of interest transpired. It was hard enough to write when our ranks were full and outside affairs booming; what must it be now? But we are anxious to do our whole duty, and as letters from sister chapters afford us so much pleasure, it is only fair to put in a word or so in exchange.

The University began hostile operations with about its usual number of students, old men predominating. We are free to acknowledge that this state of affairs was wholly unexpected, and to affirm that, with our enlarged endowment and increased facilities for pursuing every branch of study, proper support is not accorded us. This thing of drudging along, year after year, in the same old rut, is getting monotonous. It is easy enough to see where the fault lies, however. As long as the South continues madly founding so many of these so-called "universities" that pepper her territories, institutions of merit cannot hope to advance. It seems that the people are totally blinded to their own interests. It is a fatal delusion to believe that the more colleges they possess the more rapidly and thoroughly are they becoming educated. It has come to such a pass that our boys despise the training schools, which, in reality, furnish the only foundation for an education, and must rush off to a "university" before they are out of their swaddling cloths. "Universities" that receive them are accustomed to adjust their classes to the student's acquirements—not requiring thorough preparation for the classes. Consequently, such universities as your own, and Washington and Lee, suffer. This accounts for our few freshmen; and this, in turn, accounts for Virginia Beta not having any new brothers to introduce.

None of the fraternities represented here have done much, only eight new men, all told, wearing badges. *K. Σ. K.* has taken three; *Σ. X.* two; *Φ. K. Ψ.*, *Δ. Φ.*, *Σ. Ν.*, one each; while *K. Α.*,

$\Sigma. A. E.$, $B. \theta. II$ and $A. T. \Omega.$ are resting on their oars, waiting for the right man to appear, when probably the quartette will pounce upon him and do him up. Four brothers have returned to us, and one will put in an appearance this month (November); so that our number is about the average. "Chuck" Leyburn and Clinch Heyward represent us in athletic matters, which, by the way, have taken quite a boon. "Prof." Harry Campbell is still instructing the Chemistry class; while another brother is Editor-in Chief of the *Southern Collegian*.

Bro. Harry Turner, of Kentucky, lingers at home to see his people safely on their way to Colorado.

Bro. Ed Barrett, who was compelled to leave early last session on account of ill-health, is with a surveying party in Georgia, trying to brace up. He will go to Troy Polytechnic Institute next year.

Bro. Jack W. Bradley, B. L., '81-'82, was recently wedded to a Cincinnati girl, and is located at Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. J. W. Goldsby, Mobile, Ala., spent the summer in Lexington. He is in business in his native city, and doing well.

Bro. Thos. Barrett, B. L., '81-'82, married Miss Lizzie Miller, of Augusta, Ga., last winter. Tom was one of the most popular boys ever at the University.

Bro. Jno. S. Van Meter, the wildest rascal that ever trod Virginia soil, and the leader of all Calathumps while here, is now a Presbyterian minister at Cynthiana, Ky., and one of the most eloquent divines in the State.

With regards to all the brothers, I am,

Yours in $A. T. \Omega.$,

J. M. ALLEN, *Correspondent*.

VIRGINIA DELTA.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Editors Palm.:—In the absence of Bro. Addison, who, much to the regret of our whole chapter, is detained at his home in Richmond by sickness, the pleasant duty of writing our chapter letter has devolved upon me. The duty is an agreeable one, since the news which I have to bring is of the kind which is pleasant to tell, pleasant to hear—news of prosperity and success. I was happy upon my return to the University this year, after a year's absence, to find Delta Chapter flourishing like the proverbial green-bay tree, of which the reading public hears so much

and knows so little, to find her fortunate in the possession, in her midst, of our loved and respected founder, Bro. Glazebrook, infusing some of his own enthusiasm and genial earnestness into her membership, with the prestige of a year just past, in which she did herself special credit, and with a nucleus for the session to come which gave promise of continued and increased prosperity. We began the session with sixteen men, thirteen last-year men, viz: Bros. Addison, W. E., Va.; Anderson, J. R., Ga.; Anderson, G. W., Ga.; Glazebrook, O. A., Va.; Glazebrook, L. W., Va.; Hunter, F., N. Y.; Mallory, John, Va.; Mosby, J. S., Jr., Va.; Norton, T. M., Va.; Owens, W. W., Ga.; Robertson, R., Va.; Robertson, J. M., Va.; Thomas, F. J., Nev.; of former years, Bro. Wm. Shippen, Va.; and your correspondent; while, from Tennessee Alpha we received a valuable and valued addition in the person of Bro. Walker H. Percy, M. A., of Mississippi. We organized by the election of the following officers:

W. M., Bro. W. B. Richards.

W. Chap., Bro. O. A. Glazebrook.

W. K. E., Bro. R. Robertson.

W. K. A., Bro. F. Hunter.

W. S., Bro. F. J. Thomas.

W. Sent., Bro. W. H. Percy.

W. U., Bro. W. W. Owens.

We have initiated up to this time three men, who seemed cast by nature in the mould of Alpha Tau: Bro. W. P. Brickle, of New Orleans; Bro. Jo. Cumming, of Savannah; and Bro. Willie Lee, of Richmond. We number now nineteen men, and are, we believe, the largest fraternity in college. Laying, as we do, however, little stress upon mere numerical strength, we are glad that we have something beside and better than this upon which to base our claim to prominence—namely, the quality of our men. The majority of the chapter are applicants for degrees, and we hope to be able to make a good showing at the end of the year. Prudence, however, dictates that we do not begin to whistle until "the lists" shall have gone up. It is in no spirit of boasting or vain-glory, but for the information of our sister chapters, and in response to that interest which every true Alpha Tau feels in the welfare of each and every other that I am led to say that no candid and impartial observer can fail to award to us a position in the front rank of the numerous fraternities at this grand old institution. I honestly believe he must award us the *very first*.

Here, as everywhere else, the interest of the community has centred for some time in the election. Since the day when the world was cast spell-bound by the announcement that the

Ahkoun of Schwat (rest his soul) was dead, there has been nothing comparable to the interest with which returns were awaited. We are all of course rejoiced over the result, with the exception, I may mention, of a few brothers who made a mistake in casting their political horoscopes and accordingly got down (pecuniarily) on the wrong side of the fence; or, more appropriately, "hedge." With that desire to be at the front, which always fires the Alpha Tau's heart, some of our enthusiastic brothers were among the first to telegraph (collect at other end) their congratulations to Gov. Cleveland, at the same time modestly and with a contempt, for small things no less characteristic of the Alpha Tau Omega, stating that the number of students at five hundred. We have not yet heard what positions they will accept.

It was the privilege of our chapter to enjoy, a few evenings ago, one of the most pleasant social reunions with which their college life has ever been illumined. The occasion was a supper given to Delta Chapter by Bro. Glazebrook, who, I suppose the brothers are generally aware, is now chaplain of the University. The supper itself was excellent, and was sweetened by a cordial hospitality as grateful to the feelings as the viands were to the appetite. None of those who were present will, I am sure, ever cease to remember the occasion with pleasure and the host with warm regard. But recollections of that feast which are too deep for words come welling up in me and I can go no further. I fear that I have already written too much, and that the Fraternity at large will sorrow no less than we at the absence of our regular correspondent.

PERSONALS.

Bro. Arthur Lee, who spent last year here, is in business in Chicago.

Bro. Willie Percy, B. L., is at his home in Greenville, Miss., engaged in a course of reading preparatory to entering upon the practice of his profession in Tennessee.

We are glad to hear occasionally, through the *Palm*, from our old *confere*, Bro. Wade, who is now at Columbia. Come down, Arden, and Bob and I will "cut you in" for the oysters at Amber's, as of yore.

Bro. Foster Gaines is also in New York, deeply intent, or suppose to be deeply intent, upon medical investigations. We hear that he thinks New York a charming place—nice theatres, &c.—and "indends to start to work next week." This is as it should be.

Bro. Harry Ficklen, B. L., known to the world as the author

of "Thoughts on Lear," and last year's Magazine Medalist, but known and loved by a host of friends as "Old Fick," is engaged in purveying assorted wisdom to the youth of Danville. He is coming back at the end of the session to get his M. A. Drop us a line, Judge.

Bro. Gregory is studying law in Austin, Texas. He will do well wherever he is.

Your correspondent sallied forth in quest of material for more personals, but he had only proceeded one door from his own domicile, when he was met by the astounding piece of information from a brother that Bros. Bailey and McClintic, of last year, were *supposed* to be *somewhere*. He was so overcome by the definiteness of this piece of news that he determined to give up further search and present it to you for what it is worth. You will please remember, however, that it is only a rumor, and your correspondent is not responsible for its truth.

Yours in A. T. Ω.,

WALTER B. RICHARDS,
Acting Correspondent.

VIRGINIA EPSILON.

ROANOKE COLLEGE, Salem, Va.

Editors Palm.:—Notwithstanding our scarcity of news we will make an effort to respond to the call of the *Palm*.

The Virginia Epsilon Chapter is, beyond all doubt, standing upon a firm footing at this institution. It is true we cannot boast much in numbers, but we can truthfully say that there is no fraternity here that has maintained such true moral dignity as the Alpha Tau Omega. We do not wish by the statement of this simple fact to be understood that the other fraternities, which are now in existence here, do not, to some extent, carry out the plan of enlarging their membership with such as are moral in many respects, but that we in a greater degree provide for the future welfare of the Virginia Epsilon Chapter by adding such members who have the greatest regard for everything that is calculated to promote the best interest of our chapter.

We only have eight in number, which may appear to be very small in comparison with some of the other chapters, but when we consider the lively competition we have with four other fraternities, and all except two members less than ours, we feel that we have accomplished enough to feel not at all discouraged at our progress.

Since last September we have initiated the following members: C. S. Eckstone, Greenville, Miss.; P. B. Smith, Conover, N. C.; J. W. Wilkinson, Hillsville, Va. We believe that inasmuch as our college is becoming more and more prosperous every year, that there is a day not far distant when our chapter will rank with any of the chapters throughout the South, both in numbers and in advantages, which are necessary for carrying on our work successfully. We hope to be able to send a delegate to the coming Congress, but we cannot as yet tell how the matter will terminate. But should we fail in our attempt, we will most assuredly rely upon the fact that whatever business that honorable body may see fit to transact will be to the future welfare of the Virginia Epsilon as much as to any other chapter. We are very much gratified to know that the work of establishing chapters in the North is going on so prosperously.

Trusting the very recent date of my election as correspondent will excuse my delay in preparing this letter, and hoping the same will reach you in time for publication, and with the best wishes for all Alpha Taus, I am,

Yours in *A. T. O.*,

R. H. CLINE, *Correspondent.*

KENTUCKY MU.

KENTUCKY MILITARY INSTITUTE, Farmville, Ky.

Editors Palm:—It is a source of great pleasure to me to have an opportunity to speak of the prosperous condition of our chapter through the columns of the *Palm*. Nine of our former members returned this session—viz: Bros. R. S. Allen, J. H. Allen, L. Stone, W. H. Netherland, J. L. Patty, D. Hillman, W. S. Berry, J. S. Grey and W. W. Faw. All good and true Alpha Taus.

Since the opening of the term we have initiated six good men—viz: Bros. J. M. Stone, J. Hillman, H. Neely, J. Spur, J. D. Cranley and J. S. Holden, who would each and all be an honor to any fraternity.

We have had our hall finished up nicely, and well furnished. At our opening meeting we elected the following officers:

Bro. R. S. Allen, W. M.

Bro. W. H. Netherland, W. C.

Bro. J. H. Allen, W. S.

Bro. L. Stone, W. K. E.

Bro. J. L. Patty, W. K. A.

Bro. D. Hillman, W. Usher.

Bro. W. S. Berry, W. Sentinel.

Several of our men are members of the Philomathean Literary Society, and hold important offices in that organization.

We hold our weekly meetings on Monday evenings. They are well attended and very enjoyable.

We miss Bros. Shelton, Harris, Godloe and Stucky very much this year. They graduated high in their class last session. Wherever they go they can always feel assured that the best wishes of their brother Alpha Taus at Kentucky Military Institute go with them.

We have two other fraternities represented here, each of which has a rather large membership. We do not endeavor to procure a large number of members, but to secure brothers who will uphold the principles of our loved fraternity.

May the *Palm* continue to receive the success it merits.

Yours in *A. T. Ω.*,

W. W. FAW, *Correspondent.*

TENNESSEE OMEGA.

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, Sewanee, Tenn.

Editors Palm:—Our hearts were all gladdened yesterday by the arrival of the *Palm*.

Since last I wrote we have had a great many matters of interest to our chapter. Bro. W. P. Duncan having graduated at the School of Mines, at Columbia College, has been with us all the summer. Bro. W. J. Barton paid us a flying visit early in the summer. Bro. S. H. Elliott, who is studying at West Point, spent his furlough with us. Bro. A. B. Elliott also paid us a visit in August. Bro. C. McD. Puckette has been with us twice. Bro. W. S. Lovell has also paid us two visits, the second of which was especially interesting, as he brought with him his bride. His wedding was by no means the first in our chapter, but it was undoubtedly the most interesting to Alpha Taus; for, not only is he a brother, good and true, and one of the founders of our chapter, but his lovely bride is one of our truest sisters. Not long before the wedding she proved her devotion to the cause by painting a beautiful picture for our chapter-house. It is of a young girl dressed in antique style, and is so charming that the chapter lost their hearts with it as soon as it arrived. As a slight

token of our gratitude we presented her with a silver waiter, engraved with the badge, and an appropriate inscription.

Last, but far from least, came Bro. John Q. Lovell, in September. Him we regard as the father of our chapter, and we look forward with delight to his yearly visit. While he was with us we had a banquet at the chapter-house, and a truly glorious event it was. Brothers, old and new, gathered together within those old familiar walls, and spent as happy an evening as could well be spent.

Another delightful spread was given us by Bro. Easter, at his own house.

Our chapter has lost one member—Pro. Reese, of Alabama—this term, but we have gained two: Bro. Purdham, of Texas, whom we initiated in August, and Bro. Vernon, of Tennessee, who joined us from the Kentucky Military Institute. We are at present getting up a large group, but as the photographer has an immensity of work on hand, it progresses slowly.

We greatly miss the chapter letters in the last number, and hope this coming number may be doubly full.

And now for the Congress. We undoubtedly will be represented. O, would that we might all be there, but, alas! the distance is great and our cash is small. The chapter has not yet had time to consider fully the suggestions in the *Palm*, for matters of legislation, but personally I have been much pleased with some of them, especially with that headed "Chapter History."

I hope all the chapters will do their best in that line, and appoint committees on the subject. We shall try our best. Bro. Henderson, who left us last autumn, is now in business with the "Ceres Manufacturing Co.," 227 Md. Ave., Baltimore. Call on him.

With love from all the brothers,

I remain your in *A. T. O.*,

JOHN F. FINLAY, *Correspondent.*

GEORGIA ALPHA-BETA.

ATHENS, GA.

Editors Palm:—It is with great satisfaction that I write this, as correspondent of this chapter.

Georgia Alpha-Beta has never been more prosperous, nor with brighter prospects for the future, than at this moment. When

the college opened only five old brothers returned, but we set to work at once, and with the important aid rendered us by the State Association, we now number twelve. Our latest brother we initiated Saturday night. Every member is thoroughly imbued with the true fraternal spirit, and are earnest, active Alpha Taus.

I give the names and addresses of all the brothers, both old and new, below :

C. A. Allen, Birmingham, Ala.

Jas. Blalock, Fayetteville, Ga.

B. M. Bishop, Athens, Ga.

M. A. Clark, Anniston, Ala.

W. B. Cook, Brunswick, Ga.

T. G. Fortson, Columbus, Ga.

E. P. Hawkins, Birmingham, Ala.

R. L. Johnson, Columbus, Ga.

H. K. Milner, Birmingham, Ala.

R. D. Meader, Jr., Brunswick, Ga.

W. T. Pool, Douglasville, Ga.

T. A. Williams, Hamilton, Ga.

We are now engaged in making improvements in our hall, and will try to obtain the paraphernalia piece by piece.

The State Association, which meets with the Alpha-Zeta Chapter in Macon the coming week, promises to be a great success. Several of our members hope to attend.

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Bro. W. A. Dodson, '82, was with us during commencement. He has since accepted a position in the Government office in Washington, D. C.

Bro. A. F. Bishop, '84, is now at his home in Athens. He intends to commence teaching school soon.

Bro. R. N. Holland is practicing law in Marietta, Ga.

We hear that Bro. A. H. Cary is going to run an orange grove in Florida.

Bro. S. C. Atkinson, we hear, is in Brunswick, Ga., studying law.

Hoping this may reach you in time, I am,

Yours in *A. T. O.*,

R. D. MEADER, JR., *Correspondent.*

NORTH CAROLINA ALPHA-DELTA.

Editors Palm.:—It becomes my duty as correspondent of our chapter to write this letter to the *Palm*. So many things have occurred of interest to our chapter since our last letter that I hardly know where to begin.

Bro. Roberts gave you an account of our banquet and of our commencement here, but failed to mention that he was awarded the gold medal as the leader of the class in chemistry.

Our chapter reassembled this session with the loss of but two men. Bro. Wood is at the Johns Hopkins University, and Bro. Everett is in Norfolk in business. I can hardly express to you how much we miss them, and what a loss our chapter sustained in their departure. May success crown their every effort, and may their path through life be strewn with roses, is the wish of those they left behind them. But our chapter has also had some valuable additions. Bro. Bruton, of the Alpha Eta, the former superintendent of the Wilson Graded School, joined the law class here, and Bro. Tucker, also from the Alpha-Eta, joined us. We have also initiated two good and worthy men—Bros. Gill and Holt. We had not been together long before another disappointment stared us in the face—Bros. Dotch and Bruton had completed their law studies and left us to become full-fledged attorneys at law. The love and good wishes of us all go with them, and that both will be successful in their profession no one who knows them will doubt.

October 16th was the day appointed for the meeting of the North Carolina Alumni Association, and we attended of course. I would tell you of the pleasure of meeting old friends, of the magnificent banquet, &c., &c, but I leave the task to one who is more worthy to do the subject justice.

The fraternities here have had a good deal of trouble this session with the boys outside, and the fact that they exist here is pretty generally known. The faculty has referred the matter to the trustees, and we hope that they will rescind the law prohibiting them.

I must say that I am not particularly pleased at the prospect of coming from "under the rose," for I believe that, as a general thing, "sub-rosa" chapters are best.

Among the facts of interest to our alumni are these: The "coon" still parts his hair in the middle and uses soap, the "major" is as corpulent as ever, and "tuck" still persists in being "a dandy young dude," and scuffles every night and morn-

ing to get his pants off and on, and Bro. Gill has the most "brilliant head" in the chapter.

With fraternal greetings to all our sister chapters, and wishing the *Palm* long life and prosperity, I am,

Yours in A. T. Ω.,

"PAT," *Correspondent.*

ALABAMA ALPHA-EPSILON.

AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE, Auburn, Ala.

Editors Palm:—The pleasant duty of writing our chapter letter has devolved on me, and I begin with a willing heart, though somewhat at a loss exactly what to tell our brothers abroad about Alabama Alpha Epsilon. Tell us, some would say, what you are doing, how you are feeling, what are the results of your efforts. Very well; but if at the close it would seem that we have overdrawn the picture, we would invite all to come and satisfy themselves that we can't tell it as it actually exists.

Perfect congeniality exists between every member of the chapter, while, as it would naturally be supposed, some marked and special friendships are developed that will last without diminution through life. If I say that they really and truly love each other I suppose is the most expressive term I can use. Of course nothing but the very best results could follow from such association.

The standing of every member in college is good, both as to deportment and also in their respective classes. This being a military college, every man who is a member of a sufficiently advanced class to render him eligible, has received a good office. The town is so small that one's social standing is even a matter of note here. A few of the citizens make out to tolerate some of our boys a few minutes every now and then.

There are two other fraternities here, and sometimes it would seem to a man up a tree that a little envy existed, but only a *little*. This feeling is sometimes carried into the society of the young folks of the town, and there is always more or less of a race to see who can be the most attentive to the "pretty lassies," and now and then some one of the boys will say to me in a confidential way, that "some eye grows brighter for his coming," but I don't believe a word of it.

We have eleven as hard-looking boys as ever graced or disgraced an Alpha Tau Omega hall. They have all agreed that when they leave college they will make their living by one ex-

hibiting the other, and if men have any curiosity left, I think some of them will become wealthy.

We will have a delegate at Philadelphia if our affectionate fathers will agree to furnish the requisite amount of money to bear expenses, but New Orleans would have been a much more convenient place of meeting, if it could have been so arranged.

Before the end of the nineteenth century we intend helping the *Palm* with seven or eight new subscriptions.

To our brothers at college, wherever they be, we wish a happy and prosperous year.

Yours in *A. T. O.*,

W. L. HUTCHINSON, *Correspondent.*

GEORGIA ALPHA-ZETA.

MERCER UNIVERSITY, MACON, GA., Oct. 18, 1884.

Editors Palm:—It again becomes my more than pleasant task to serve the Fraternity in the capacity of correspondent of the Alpha-Zeta Chapter.

The full term of 1884 at Mercer University opened September 24th, and a much larger number of new faces were seen than usual. On looking around, we had the pleasure to greet all our last year Alpha Taus, with the exception of Bro. Geo. R. Butler, who, I learn, is now teaching school in Wilkerson county, Ga. After welcoming each other, we turned our attention to the new students, and I am glad to say that Alpha-Zeta has received her share—all of them among the best in college; so you see Alpha-Zeta still follows the example set before us by our older brothers in the selection of members, and we have before us bright prospects for a pleasant year.

At a meeting of the chapter held a short while ago, Bro. E. V. Baldy was unanimously elected to represent the chapter in Congress in December. Bro. John F. Schofield was elected alternate. One or two others will also very probably be present, and were it possible the whole chapter would come.

Below will be found a few personals of the Alpha-Zeta boys. In our next we will give a complete list of our chapter:

PERSONALS.

Bro. Arthur L. Dasher ('83) is now in Savannah, with the Central railroad, passenger department, and is just as good an Alpha Tau as ever.

C. P. Steed ('82), a few weeks ago, hung up his shingle as an attorney at law, and will be glad to see any Alpha Tau at his office, corner Mulberry and Third streets, Macon, Ga.

John T. West ('81) is now practicing law in Thomson, Ga., and says he has his hands full, but is always ready to give the grip to a brother who may happen in that part of the State.

Bro. Alfred Iverson Branham (Ky. O. '72) is principal of the Mercer University High School. The professor is a most energetic Alpha Tau, and meets with us very often.

Bro. Beverly D. Evans ('81), after studying a year at Yale, is now practicing law with his father in Saundersville, Ga.

Bro. Julian H. Evans ('83) is also merchandising at the same place.

With much love to all Alpha Taus, I am,

Yours in A. T. Ω.,

LUCIUS E. WILLIAMS, *Correspondent.*

NORTH CAROLINA ALPHA-ETA.

Editors Palm:—Your "gentle reminder" came for our letter and found us wanting in chapter news. Yesterday we would have hesitated before attempting a letter, but to day we can say to you that we have found two noble fellows, whom we shall feel proud to give to the Alpha Taus as brothers, and whom the Alpha Taus can well feel proud to receive. We have before this elected two others, but for promises anti-fraternity they cannot join this session. It would seem when you know that we are only a little band of six (the two elect included), that we have been idle, but we have not. We cannot find the men of the Alpha Tau type every day. We had the pleasure of attending the meeting of the North Carolina State Association, held in Raleigh October 16th. About thirty Alpha Taus were present. The brothers were very much disappointed at not meeting our distinguished Brothers Glazebrook and Quintard, who were expected. Bro. Frank Spruil (N. C. Alpha-Delta), in the absence of Bishop Quintard, "orated" for us. His words were few but appropriate; they were said with much feeling. Bro. Walter H. Page was, as he always is, the life of the whole occasion. He was again elected W. M. of the Association. Brother Donnell Gilliam was elected orator for the next meeting of the Association. We were sorry that his duties kept him from our meeting this time. Mr. Pace, of Smithfield, N. C., was initiated by the N. C. Alpha-Delta Chapter. The banquet at the Yarbrough House was said to be

the handsomest thing ever prepared in Raleigh. The bill of fare was most elegantly engraved by hand, and embossed in gold. We were indebted to Bro. John G. Williams for its beauty. The only objection we could find to it was that it cost, each one, \$1 50. This was a serious objection to us. The Alpha-Delta was there in all its strength. This is one of the Fraternity's best chapters, and we Alpha-Taus are proud and happy to say that some of her best men are of us. The Scribe will, no doubt, give you a full account of the meeting. We all enjoyed the meeting much, and enjoyed meeting our Raleigh brothers—those are Bros. Ch. Lea, Joe Brown, Walter Page, Mial and Barbee, N. C. Xis, and Bros. John G. Williams and Jim McAlister, N. C. Alpha-Etas, all fine fellows.

Our meetings are destined to do us and our Fraternity great good. Every State ought to have its Alumni Association. We hope that everybody will be at Philadelphia the 31st December. Your correspondent will be there, if possible. We are just in receipt of a nice letter from Bro. C. W. Baker, Pa. Alpha-Eta, who says, in advising us to go to Congress: "It is worth fifty dollars to any brother to meet Bro. O. A. Glazebrook." Inasmuch as every true Alpha Tau believes this, our trip would be a profitable investment—one that will always pay us. We enjoyed the September *Palm* very much, as we always do. We think that the brother who suggests that the *Palm* be issued monthly ought to think what a burden this must be to our beloved Glazebrook. We think that if the Fraternity is able to employ a Secretary, and does so, then this *might* be done, but we do not think it advisable. Of course, if Congress decides to make the *Palm* a monthly, we would receive them and read them with as much pleasure as anyone, and we would willingly pay the advance in price. We to-day had the pleasure of shaking hands with brother "Am." We have already filled our space.

With love for every brother, and best wishes for our dear brotherhood's growth, and continued prosperity, I am,

Yours in *A. T. Ω*,

"D," *Sub-Rosa Correspondent.*

PENNSYLVANIA TAU.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia, Pa.

Editors Palm:—Since I last wrote to the *Palm* three more of our members have graduated, three more have entered upon the

busy world to fight life's battles in earnest. Let us hope with success. Bros. Hoopes, Smith and Welch we greet you. May your experience at college prove of benefit to you, and may every success attend you.

Since the opening of the academic year we have initiated two men, namely: Bros. Parke and Fuller.

We have appointed Bro. J. C. Jones to make the address of welcome at the coming Congress, and Bros. Sharpe and Magee delegates. Each rising of the sun brings us nearer the time for the Congress, and I am positive that it will be well attended. I sincerely hope that all who do attend will learn something—something which will be of a benefit to them, not only in reference to the affairs of the Fraternity, but especially that each member will have new life infused into him, and that he will return to his college with a firm determination to do all in his power to make the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity the first in all our colleges. That it will be a great success I have no doubt. As Philadelphians we feel pleased and grateful to you for choosing our city as the place of meeting; but as Pennsylvania Taus we are doubly pleased with the honor of welcoming you.

PERSONALS.

'81—N. W. Thomas was married last month.

'84—L. L. Smith is studying law at the University of Pennsylvania.

'85—F. E. Wiltberger has bought an orange plantation in Florida, where he is at present situated.

Yours in *A. T. O.*,

PERCY ASH, *Correspondent.*

GEORGIA ALPHA-THETA.

EMORY COLLEGE, Oxford, Ga.

Editors Palm:—The *Palm* came to-day, and I notice that a chapter letter is wanted for the next. Our former correspondent, Bro. L. B. Robeson, did not return to college, and I was elected to fill his place; and if I do not send you so good a letter as he, don't view it with a critic's eye, for this is my first to the *Palm*.

Our chapter here is in a very flourishing condition, numbering twenty-four.

And whether you view our boys from the point of class-standing, or that of morality, or from any other standpoint, you will

find them on an average with the boys of any other Fraternity represented here.

We have initiated six during this term, and they are fine boys. Their names are as follows: Brothers Bingham, Web, Godbee, Crowell, Redding and Vaughn. We also initiated during last commencement Rev. J. P. DePass, a very influential member of the Florida Conference. His postoffice—Bronson, Fla.

Any of the Northern brothers who wish to know anything about Florida would do well to write him, and if any visit that part of the country call on him.

The Georgia State Association was held last week, and it proved a grand success; so says our delegate, Bro. McCroane. He also speaks well of our chapter in Macon.

There is a great deal in the last *Palm* concerning our Congress. Delta gave us his opinion that it would be better for Congress to meet every year; but, as for myself, I am not so satisfied whether he is right or not. It seems to me it would be very expensive to meet every year, and I have my doubts as to whether the attendance would be so good.

There are many things of which I would like to write, but as this is more to give the condition of the chapter than write on general topics, I desist.

As I have been honored (for it is an honor) by my chapter in being elected delegate to Congress, I hope to meet many of the best young men from our colleges and universities, North and South.

I trust that the reports will show great prosperity of the Fraternity everywhere.

I want to compliment Bro. H. C. Ficklen on his prize essay. It is worthy of a place in the *Palm*. I trust that more like it will be published in the *Palm*.

Yours in A. T. Ω.,

W. M. McINTOSH, *Correspondent*.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA-IOTA.

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE, Allentown, Pa.

Editors Palm.:—Our chapter has just purchased the furniture, etc., belonging to the late X. Φ. chapter at this place. X. Φ. has disbanded at Muhlenberg. The chapter has been in existence at this place since the organization of the col-

lege. Its career has been signally successful, and certainly was not broken up for the need of men.

We hope to be well represented at Congress at Philadelphia in December.

Yours in A. T. O.,

C. J. SHAADT, *Correspondent.*

NEW JERSEY ALPHA-KAPPA.

STEVENS' INSTITUTE, Hoboken, N. J.

Editors Palm:—Your letter, asking for a chapter letter, came yesterday, and though there is but little to write, we cannot let the *Palm* appear without extending through it Alpha-Kappa's greeting to her sister chapters.

The new year has begun for us, but there is little change. We move from junior to senior, sophomore to junior, &c., with very little difference. Bro. Boynton, much to our regret, cannot be enticed from the wilds of Illinois. Bro. Rusby has been quite sick, but is now, we hope, out of danger. The other brothers have been devoting their spare moments to politics, and as a result are just now too much excited to help me out in writing this. The last number of the *Palm* came yesterday, and it is a question as to which is the more interesting, a number with news from the chapters, or one with such a collection of articles as has the September number.

I hope that the suggestion to "let sub-rosas alone" will be followed by all our brothers.

The last few weeks have brought us several treats. The first was the *Exponent* from Alpha-Mu. It is to be feared that we will not be able to forge chains strong enough to hold some of our brothers here. The article on practical illustration of "co-education" is acting like a magnet, and our loss may be Alpha-Mu's gain. We received next the encouraging news that the Song-Book was on the high way to completion. That is one—I may say, *the one*—department of fraternity work in which Alpha-Kappa can take no part.

Who ever heard of a cold, scientific, exact engineer (though as yet we are all in the embrionic stage) writing poetry or composing songs? Our music is the clang of hammers and the shriek of the steam-whistle. We have been told that music is a harmonious combination of regular vibrations; so we hope to be able to appreciate the songs, though we cannot contribute.

We hope to have two, possibly four, representatives in Philadelphia, even if we have to build our own locomotive to get there. I do hope a large number of brothers will meet there. It is a time for a gathering of alumni especially. I think that the chapter delegates may report to their chapters the way in which we should go when we leave our Alma Mater. One thing that must not be forgotten is this: One of our circle has become a patent (*not* medicine man) crank. For fear of hurting his tender feelings, I will withhold his name; but the poor fellow invented a really excellent valve movement for steam pumps, but not satisfied to sit back in his boudoir receiving delegations from all the foreign potentates requesting to be allowed the use of his patent, he must go and waste his substance getting up more patents. Just now he is struggling with a *patent* cold, and a still worse *patent* remedy for it. If he lives we will be surprised, if not relieved. One of our brothers has just come in and objects to the compliment about the valve. 'Tis needless to say that *he is the crank*.

I must close now, and though Alpha-Kappa cannot join with the brothers in the grand swells of music, she well knows the rythmatic beat of the locomotive cut-off, the sleep-enchancing hum of the far-famed buz-saw, the harmonious blows of the steam-hammer, the incessant and never ending blows of the boarding house hash machines, and the resounding howl of the Jersey mesquito.

With brotherly love to all, I am

Yours in the bonds,

MELLEN S. HARLOW, *Correspondent*.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA-RHO.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY, South Bethlehem, Pa.

Editors Palm:—Nothing can be more pleasing to us, I assure you, than communication with our distinguished editors.

The history of our chapter is, indeed, quite amusing; our success is almost without parallel. Three years ago we numbered but *three* men, and now *twelve* good, jolly fellows who wear the Maltese Cross with pride, constitute our little army. Our star has almost reached the zenith to which we have so long aspired, and we now march in the front ranks of Lehigh's fraternities.

Three additions have been made during the present term: Bro.

Hertardo, of Nicaragua; Bro. Ayres, of Washington; and Bro. Glover, of Georgia.

These additions, however, were almost neutralized by the loss of Bro. E. B. Schmidt, of Ilian, N. Y., who embarks in mercantile pursuits, and Bro. W. D. B. Arnay, who takes up the study of medicine.

May success always attend their efforts.

Nearly all our brothers will be present at our Congress in December next

Yours in *A. T. Q.*,

G. T. RICHARDS, *Correspondent.*

TENNESSEE ALPHA-TAU.

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY,
Clarksville, Tenn.

Editors Palm:—In consequence of the many changes in our chapter here, it now devolves upon me to write you a chapter, so that we may be represented any way.

The prospect of a large chapter here is more encouraging than it has been for years. We have made five initiations, all old men but one. They consist of Messrs. H. S. Hayley, Robt. Wilhoite, G. L. Sneed, H. Richardson, J. K. Olltey—as fine a lot of men as you can find anywhere. Our whole number—counting several alumni brothers—amounts to fifteen. Some of our men rank among the “dudiest of the dudes” here.

Bros. Bailey and Somiser have entered Vanderbilt—the former to study medicine, the latter to study law.

Bro. Trowick is attending the theological seminary at Columbia, S. C.

Bros. Martin and Rhodes have both left for Northern cities to go into business.

Bro. Maytubby is studying medicine at New Orleans.

Hurrah for Congress! We shall be represented this year, and we hope that all the chapters will be also. Our delegate has already been elected. And we hope to meet all the brothers in Philadelphia who can possibly be there.

As yet we have no hall, but are going to get a room down in town and arrange it with all the paraphernalia.

We have received our share of honors this session. One editor on the *Gem*, the paper published here. But last year our

men took both medals offered by the faculty for first and second speakers.

There are four Greek fraternities here: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, and our own.

With best wishes of the chapter for the Fraternity, I am

Yours in A. T. O.,

H. M. JOHNSTON, *Correspondent.*

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA-UPSILON.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE, Gettysburg, Pa.

Editors Palm:—It again becomes our duty to inform you, and the brothers at large, the *whats, wheres, hows*, etc., of Alpha Upsilon.

Our college opened with the usual number of students, but a lack of material. Few initiations have been made by any Fraternity. Our new President, Dr. McKnight, formerly of Hagerstown, will, we think, make our college boom in a short time.

Our chapter, at its first meeting, opened with eleven members, and we have since initiated P. V. Phillips, of Buchanon, W. Va., and we are sailing along with flying colors. Our condition is as good as ever, and we are in no fear of ever going down hill.

Several weeks ago we held our election of officers, resulting as follows:

W. M.—J. L. Rothrock.

W. C.—G. M. Brown.

W. S.—J. W. Clugston.

W. U.—W. W. Kribbs.

W. K. of A.—C. M. McLaughlin.

W. K. of E.—C. W. Baker.

W. Sent.—H. A. Spangler.

Correspondent—L. D. Gerhardt.

Sometime ago we announced to the proper persons the expulsion of W. J. Kasten, and now we make it known to all. The step was necessary for our prosperity and welfare.

We wonder how many fellows we'll see at Congress. Every one of us expects a larger number than before. It has been the good fortune of your correspondent to be elected delegate from this chapter, with Bro. G. M. Brown as alternate. We don't expect, though, to come alone. Every one would like to come, and we can promise the presence of Baker, McLaughlin, Jordy, Rothrock, Brown, Kribbs, Phillips and Gerhardt. What do you think

of eight of our twelve coming. We hope every chapter will endeavor to put us "in the shade" in numbers. We all wish the 31st were to-morrow—that shows how anxious we are.

And again: We must have more material for a Song Book! *Brothers, let every one do his level best, and send one or a dozen to us.* It must be a success of the *biggest* kind.

Hoping to see a wonderful gathering at the Continental on the 30th, we remain,

Yours in A. T. Ω.,

L. DEWITT GERHARDT, *Correspondent.*

OHIO ALPHA-PSI.

WITTENBERG COLLEGE, Springfield, O.

Editors Palm:—Feeling our inability to do our chapter justice, we with hesitation sit down to write our first letter in the *Palm*; but we will do our best.

Our chapter has been doing as well as could be expected from the difficulties it has met and overcome, and now the prospects for us are becoming brighter and brighter, and our boys are more and more enthusiastic as they see their chapter rising in strength and influence.

The record of the last year, which was the first of our existence, was one of which we need not be ashamed. Bro. Taylor, our only brother of the class of '86, stood at the head of his class at the close of the last college year, another led the Freshman, and Bro. Mitchell took the Latin and Greek prize given to the student most proficient in these studies on entering the Freshman class.

We have no men above the Junior year, but what we have are among the best men in the college. Our motto is "Best or none."

Prospects are that we will initiate others before the year is out.

Bro. Krout, we are sorry to say, will leave us in about a week to be gone for three months, when he will return to college. Also Bros. Cecil, Mitchell and Guinner are absent teaching school. They will, we hope, be with us next year, when we will be equal in strength to any chapter in the institution.

Bro. Grim is at present in business with his father.

The monthly paper here has been changed to a weekly issue. This paper, if a success, will be an honor to the institution and a credit to its corps of editors.

We received a notice from the Pennsylvania Alpha-Upsilon a few days since asking our assistance in the Song-Book. We wish to see the Song-Book a success, and will do all we can for it, which we fear will be little.

Letters were received from our new chapters at Richmond, Ky., and Tallahassee, Fla. We were glad to hear that they were getting along so well.

Why can't we have more correspondence among our chapters? We are out here in Southwestern Ohio, and sometimes feel as though we were forgotten by our brothers, but whenever we receive a communication from any of our brothers our spirits revive and we are more eager for the work. We all need as much encouragement as we can get.

With the wish and hope that the prospects of the other new chapters of our beloved fraternity are as bright as or brighter than ours, we are

Yours in *A. T. O.*,

W. F. LAMME, *Correspondent.*

SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA-PHI.

SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE, Columbia, S. C.

Editors Palm:—Having been elected correspondent of this chapter, it is with pleasure that I undertake my first correspondence to the *Palm*.

Our chapter suffered a great loss this year in that only five (5) of our former twelve (12) members returned, and since the opening of college Bro. Henry Breeden, one of the five who returned, has gone home on account of his health.

Bros. Preston and Johnston graduated in class of '84, and the former delivered the valedictory to his Society at commencement.

Bro. Melton has gone to the Medical College in Charleston.

Bro. Kinard has gone into the mercantile business.

Bro. Bee is in the cotton business in Charleston; and

Bros. Burton and Cousar are farming and looking out for wives.

Our chapter is much interested in the success of these, her first alumni, and especially are we interested in the latter-named occupation of the young farmers, as we all have inherited a fondness for "wedding cake."

We have initiated only two new members so far this term: Eddie Breeden and L. A. Stoney, which gives us six in number, and the roll is as follows now:

R. P. Hamer, Jr., class of '85, Little Rock, S. C.

D. McIver, class of '86, Charleston, S. C.

L. A. Stoney, class of '86, Barnwell, S. C.

Waddy Thomson, class '87, Columbia, S. C.

H. P. Green, Jr., class '87, Columbia, S. C.

Ed. Breeden, class '87, Bennettsville, S. C.

Our chapter, as you see, is small, but has a good foundation, and our motto is, "Be sure to look before you leap."

There was a meeting of the Fraternity Conference at the beginning of this term, and the *E. A. E.* Fraternity withdrew from it, and on account of which the other fraternities had to suspend in self-defence the resolution passed last year in regard to speaking to the "Fresh" in less than six weeks. The organization of the Congress is still kept up by the other fraternities.

The South Carolina Alumni Association of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity will be held next week under the auspices of our chapter, by order of Bro. T. M. Du Bose, W. M., and an account of which will be furnished you for the next issue of the *Palm*.

By the way, the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity had a share in the representatives at our last commencement—had one of the two valedictorians and the two chief marshals. The medal Bro. Kinard won in his Society last year was also presented to him before the public on commencement day.

We have five fraternities at this college, with a total membership of fifty.

I think the fraternities upon the whole here are select in taking in new members, and they generally are composed of representative men.

Yours in *A. T. Ω.*,

R. P. HARMER, JR., *Correspondent.*

FLORIDA ALPHA-OMEGA.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, Tallahassee, Fla

Editors Palm:—Although we have had some spirited and splendid meetings this session, at one of which we elected officers and transacted some very important business, we have not done much in the way of increasing our membership. There

has been much sickness, and some good men whom we expect to secure have not yet reported for duty. We hope, nevertheless, to send on one permit next week.

We have every reason to believe the present scholastic year will be a prosperous one for the institution, and if this be so, there need be no fear for the prosperity and advancement of our chapter.

We are determined to keep Alpha Tau Omega at the front, and hope to command the respect of professors and students by a strict adherence to the grand principles of our noble fraternity. We shall leave no honorable means untried to make Florida Alpha-Omega a success in every way, and a worthy member of our illustrious order.

We shall be represented at Congress. We wish the chapter was near enough to attend *en masse*. Our delegate is now in New York, and will remain North until Congress is over. We hate to give him up for so long a time, but we feel somewhat compensated for his absence by the knowledge that he will certainly and ably represent the chapter at Philadelphia. We expect the best results to the Fraternity at large from this meeting; and hope we may have the pleasure of welcoming our Northern brothers somewhere in our sunny South on the next coming together of this body.

Love to all the brothers, and greetings from Florida.

Yours in *A. T. O.*,

JOHN H. CARTER, JR., *Correspondent.*

KENTUCKY ZETA.

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY, Richmond, Ky.

Editors Palm:—Our chapter having been established in June, 1884, is a new one, and this is the first letter that it has had the pleasure of contributing to the *Palm*.

Though we have existed but a short time as a fraternity, yet already have we begun to recognize its advantages and to enjoy its benefits. Our future looks bright. Few fraternities have started out with more flattering prospects than has the Kentucky Zeta. Our members, recognizing that they are bound together by the strongest ties that can bind man to man, schoolmate to schoolmate, are laboring earnestly and zealously, each one for the interest of his brother, and all for the advancement of the

fraternity which they love so well and whose interests they have most truly to heart.

All of our original members—nine in number—have returned to college and are making rapid progress.

Since the opening of the present session we have added to our number Bro. J. A. Johnson, of Little Rock, Ark., whose class and social standing is of the very highest order. We have other men in view and, doubtless, before the time for another letter has come, we shall have enrolled some of them among us.

Of college honors the Zeta has already received more than her proportion.

At the recent election Bro W. E. Blanton was chosen second February orator from the Philalethian Society, and I doubt not that, inspired by a sacred love for his Fraternity and an honest ambition to do her credit, he will perform this duty well. Two of the positions on the *Atlantis*, our college paper, are filled by Alpha Tau Omegas, and in the class organizations we are well represented—the president and secretary of the junior class and the president of the freshman class being members of our Fraternity.

I was about to forget to say a word in regard to our place of meeting. We have secured a room which, because of its privacy, is especially adapted to our purpose. It is a nice room and well furnished.

With best wishes for the advancement of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity everywhere,

Yours in A. T. Ω.,

ISAAC H. THURMAN, *Correspondent.*

OHIO ALPHA-NU.

MT. UNION COLLEGE, Mt. Union, Ohio.

Editors Palm.:—Two years ago this fall I had the pleasure of writing my first letter to the *Palm*. At that time Ohio Alpha-Nu had a small but enthusiastic membership of three knights of the Maltese Cross—viz: Bro. O. C. Walker, Bro. W. A. Harts-horn, and your humble correspondent.

Much is due Bro. Walker for his untiring and ceaseless efforts in behalf of the chapter during this critical period of her history.

Before the close of the term Bro. A. C. Burrell was initiated, and as Bro. J. W. Craine had returned from Pittsburgh for the

study of law, we began to feel very hopeful over the prospects of Alpha Nu.

During the winter we rented and furnished a neat chapter hall, which has since been greatly improved, and before the close of the year four more of the brightest and best boys of the college had taken the beautiful degree, under our careful guidance.

Since our last report we have initiated J. N. McCall and H. H. Cully. They are men of whom any chapter would feel proud. We took advantage of a well known clause in our constitution in initiating Bro. McCall, he having graduated here in 1881, the year before Alpha-Nu was organized. He is Superintendent of the Newton Falls Schools of this State.

A short time ago the Alpha-Nu boys, with their ladies, spent a very pleasant evening at the Stamp House. The programme included a general good time, instrumental and vocal music, and a fine supper. Bro. Craine was the leading funny artist, and, as a consequence, double-barrelled smiles could be seen flitting over the countenances of the most obdurate.

Bro. Edward F. Harris, of Cambridge, N. Y., paid us a short visit a few weeks ago. He was on his way to Ann Arbor.

Bro. Louie Miller has returned from a three months' trip in Europe, and entered school again. He had a very pleasant trip, and came back as jolly as ever.

Bro. S. W. Mellotte, of the southern part of the State, spent a few days with us last month. He was on his way to Kent, Ohio, where he is engaged in teaching.

Bro. O. P. Woolf, who was very low with typhoid fever during the summer, has been improving very rapidly.

Bro. George J. Boyd, of Black Hawk, Pa., intends to be with us our thanksgiving.

Bro. A. C. Burrell and your correspondent have been chosen as delegates to the Philadelphia Congress. They would like very much to meet Bros. J. Charles Harris, A. B. Cooper, or any other Alpha-Nu boys who may be near enough to Philadelphia to attend the Congress.

Yours in A. T. O.,

HARLIE W. BRUSH, *Correspondent.*

MEMORIAL DEPARTMENT.



ALBERT SIDNEY DOSWELL.

[Virginia Delta, '82.]

Daughters of Alpha Tau Omega, a sister's grief appeals to you for sympathy. Oh, sisters, Virginia Delta would tune for a time to sorrow the golden cords of love that bind our hearts. Light be thy steps, oh sister! and soft and low thy voice, for she mourns, still disconsolate, her noble son that is dead.

Albert Sidney Doswell was born in the city of Fredericksburg, Va., on January 20th, 1862. He was the youngest son of J. Temple Doswell, Esq., and of Evelina Stone Gray, his wife. As a child, he was loved, not only for the sweet beauty of his person, but also for that great amiability and unselfishness of character that throughout his life distinguished him.

As a small boy, attending mayhaps his first regular school, there became at once apparent that inflexible determination to do his whole duty as best he could; that earnest, persistent desire to be wholly conscientious in all his actions, and that indomitable perseverance in pursuit of that upon which he had determined, that so characterized him in after life. Nightly would the little fellow leave the bright and happy home circle and go to his room alone, there to try with all the zeal of his honest, earnest nature to master his little tasks.

Despite the magnificent development of his manhood's years, he was as a child not strong, and frequently did sickness interrupt the happy flow of his boyish life. At such times was brought in bold relief that kindly, gentle courtesy, that careful consideration for the comforts and feelings of others, that we, his friends, knew and loved so well.

The writer, in an intimate acquaintance with him extending

through five years and more of school and college life, can recall no single instance in which there was ever an intentional, or even careless, wounding of friend, acquaintance or stranger by the subject of our sketch.

Nor can we recall any instance where he was the object of any man's hate or indignation. At school, probably pre-eminently the favorite of teachers as well as boys, he was regarded as one whose splendid character and fine abilities guaranteed, beyond peradventure, eminent success in whatever path of life he should elect to follow.

His whole course at Hanover Academy, which school he attended for three years, was marked by the most gratifying success at his books, and by the love of all his school-fellows who were thrown at all intimately with him.

Coming to the University, where he already had many friends, he at once took an enviable position among his fellows; and as he became better known to the college at large, friend after friend was won to his side by the unaffected, manly cordiality of his manners, and the straightforward, open nobility of his conduct.

We deem it safe to say that rarely has there been a student at this University more universally the favorite of all who knew him, and against whom less could be advanced than Albert Sidney Doswell.

A man able and courageous, of great physical strength, yet as gentle, courteous and considerate as a woman, of exceptionally pure life, and abstemious, refined habits, with fewer vices than the flesh of youth is generally heir to, he lived a modest, unassuming and complete gentleman.

After having graduated in the schools of Latin and the English language and literature, he determined upon the study of medicine, and returned to the University the ensuing session to prosecute this design.

After passing successfully and creditably through more than half the session he was taken sick, and, after struggling against

his trouble for some weeks, upon the advice of friends he left for home.

After passing a couple of weeks in this loved circle, he thought himself again well, and hastened back to college to stand his examinations. The writer saw him immediately upon his arrival, and thought he had never seen him in better health and spirits.

The love he bore to medicine had deepened day by day, and he promised soon to be entirely wrapped up in a profession for which his abilities, habits and character most eminently fitted him, and in which he would doubtless have achieved that brilliant success which the writer knows would have been the goal of his ambition.

After passing successfully one examination, in which he graduated second in his class, he was again taken sick, and though he progressed favorably at first, his illness suddenly assumed an alarming aspect, perforation occurred, and peritonitis immediately set it.

Though lying on a bed of great suffering, and from which He who rules all for the best had decreed that he should never arise, there was exhibited to his last moments, when aroused to consciousness, that same thoughtful care which became second nature with him; that same courteous anxiety about the welfare and comfort of others which had characterized him through life.

There was little, if any, of that feverish crossness so usual in sickness. He made a noble struggle for life against his incurable disease; but before his friends could realize the horrible reality of his position, ere the gilded tongue of delusive hope had ceased her whispered falsehoods, nursed by his loving and heart-broken mother and sister, tended by the eager, faithful hands of his brothers in love, he passed to his rest in the night of April 23, 1884.

His body was borne to his home and accompanied to its grave by friends and brothers in the bonds of the Alpha Tau Omega—men who loved him, who helped to nurse him, and to whom the

sweet, sad memory of his bright young life—cut off in the early morn of its radiant promise—shall remain ever linked, with its grand example of noble, honest manhood. Well may we exclaim :

“ Now cracks a noble heart. Good night, sweet prince :
And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest !”

G. W. A.

In Memoriam—Albert Sidney Doswell.

Whereas, in the infinite wisdom of Him “ who doeth all things well,” a dear friend and brother has been separated from us by death, and

Whereas, we desire to give formal expression to our own sense of loss, and to tender our sympathies to his sorrowing family ; therefore be it

Resolved by Virginia Delta Chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, That in the death of Albert Sidney Doswell, the fraternity mourns the loss of a most faithful and conscientious exemplar of its principles ; the chapter, a member whose fine qualities of head and heart, whose manly feelings and instincts, linked with womanly tenderness, caused him to be *loved* wherever he was *known* ; his companions, an associate whose integrity, unselfishness and manly fortitude ever commanded their confidence and esteem ; the University, a talented and earnest student ; the world, one who, had he been spared, would have adorned the position of a useful and honored citizen.

Resolved, That this chapter cannot fully express its grief at this sudden and heavy loss, but will try to perpetuate the dear memory of its lamented dead by an emulation of his many and noble virtues.

Resolved, That the insignia of mourning be worn by the members of this chapter for the period of thirty days, and the hall be appropriately draped during the remainder of the session.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the ALPHA TAU OMEGA PALM, the *University Magazine* and the *Fredericksburg News*, and that a copy be sent to the family of our deceased brother.

O. A. GLAZEBROOK,
W. A. PERCEY,
G. W. ANDERSON,
WM. BAILEY,
H. C. FICKLEN,

Committee.

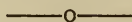
University of Virginia, May 8th, 1884.

NECROLOGY.

Alfred Marshall (Va. Alpha).	W. M. Reed (Tenn. Iota.)
J. C. J. Clay (Va. Beta).	Samuel Hill (Tenn. Gamma).
T. W. Bond (Ky. Omicron).	E. G. McClanahan (Tenn. Theta).
Stephen Ranney (Ky. Mu).	E. D. Wooley (N. C. Xi).
J. L. Brower (N. C. Xi).	Vernon Via (Va. Delta).
J. W. Whitfield (Ky. Omicron).	Frank W. Walker (Va. Alpha).
W. K. Smith (Ky. Mu).	W. T. Burdett (Va. Delta).
J. A. Shaw (N. C. Xi).	T. C. Lumpkin (Tenn. Lambda).
Saunders Irby (Va. Delta).	T. B. Edmiston (W. Va. Zeta).
T. G. Ivie (Tenn. Iota).	A. O. Battle (Tenn. Lambda).
J. G. Blackmon (N. C. Xi).	D. C. McKay (Ky. Mu).
B. A. Gray (Va. Delta).	J. C. Kinckle (Va. Beta).
T. W. Currin (Tenn. Iota).	J. R. McD. Irby (Va. Delta).
W. S. Stephens (Tenn. Lambda).	J. A. Crichton (Va. Alpha).
D. T. Bridgforth (Ky. Mu).	E. C. Mix (Va. Epsilon).
Walter T. Jones (— Alpha-Delta).	E. D. Campbell (Va. Beta).
John M. Armstrong (Va. Epsilon).	W. B. Seawell, Jr. (Ky. Mu).
George Watson (Va. Alpha).	B. F. Atkinson (Ala. A. E).
C. A. Ellett (Va. Alpha).	John T. Malone (Ga. Alpha-Beta).
T. P. Crawford (Va. Rho).	Adrian Fleming (N. C. Xi).
George C. Humes (Va. Delta).	John C. Janney (Va. Epsilon).
R. C. Ballentine (Va. Delta).	Gilbert D. Wilkinson (Va. Delta).
P. H. Lightfoot (Va. Alpha).	P. H. Clarke (Va. Delta).
W. A. Langhorne (Va. Alpha).	W. T. Brock (Tenn. Lambda).
T. H. Bridgforth (Ky. Mu).	Jos. D. Addison (Va. Phi).
A. Strachan Jones (Va. Beta).	W. Arthur Allen (Ky. Mu).
Isaac Paul (Va. Eta).	R. P. Williamson (Ga. Alpha-Theta).
Rufus E. Murrow (Ga. Alpha-Zeta).	Wm. Thos. Locke (Oreg. Alpha-Sigma).
Albert Sidney Doswell (Va. Delta).	

NOTE.—The members whose names are found in the above list have been reported to our WORTHY GRAND KEEPER OF ANNALS as *deceased*; but the particulars as to the *time, place* or *cause* of death are known in the case of only a *few* of them. Members and others who possess such information, or who know of *other* cases of death among the members of the ALPHA TAU OMEGA FRATERNITY are earnestly requested to correspond with the Editors of this Journal—to the end that we may add to our other Annals a *full, and accurate register* of our *Dead*.

OTHER FRATERNITIES.



GREEK NEWS.

—The total membership of *Phi Kappa Psi* is 4,000.

—*Sigma Chi* has established a chapter at Lawrence, Kansas.

—The chapter of *Chi Phi* at Muhlenberg College has disbanded.

—An application for a charter from De Panu University has been refused by *Psi Upsilon*.

—The *Delta Phi* Club of New York city has opened its headquarters at No. 5 E. 27th street.

—A journal in the interest of *Kappa Alpha Theta* is about to be published.

—*Beta Theta Pi* is said to have forty-five distinct initiation services. It is about time she was revising her ritual.

—*Sigma Alpha Epsilon* is reported as entering the University of Missouri with four charter members.

—*Sigma Chi* is about to revive its chapter at Columbian University, Washington, D. C.

—*Phi Delta Theta* is reported as weak at the University of the South. We hope the report is not true.

—Columbus, Ohio, is to be honored by the next Convention of *Phi Kappa Psi*, February 22d, 1885.

—There has been recently added to the six Ladies' Fraternities the *Phi Alpha Psi*, founded at Meadville, Pa.

—*Beta Theta Pi* wants a judicial system by which trials and appeals may be regulated. Why not adopt our office of High Chancellor?

—While *Psi Upsilon's* Chapter-House at Hamilton approaches completion, the Chapter-House of *Alpha Delta Phi* at Amherst barely escapes destruction by fire.

—*Beta Theta Pi* is trying to revive her dead chapter Washington and Jefferson. "Fellow-feeling makes *us* wondrous kind" in this instance.

—The *Crescent* says: "*Phi Delta Theta* claims that none of its chapters have died in the last six years." It all depends upon what you call "dead."

—The thirty-eighth Annual Convention of *Delta Kappa Epsilon* was held at Powers' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., November 10th. We have thus far seen no full notice of it.

—The order and date of establishment of the first three Ladies' Fraternities is as follows: *Kappa Alpha Theta* January, 1880, *Kappa Kappa Gamma* October, 1880, and *Delta Gamma*, 1882.

—It is reported that *Zeta Psi* was organized by members of the Masonic Order, and is said to resemble that organization in its internal workings. We doubt this very much. The membership of each chapter is limited to fifteen.

—*Phi Delta Theta* held her Annual Convention at Nashville, Tenn., November 11-14. The attendance was large, and the Convention in every way successful. The public exercises were held in the House of Representatives, which was kindly tendered the Convention.

—The new Catalogue of *Delta Tau Delta*, which is the fifth one that has been issued, is a very complete and beautiful piece of work. It has 368 pages, containing a general history of Fraternity and Chapter histories, the record of each member, table of relationship, and directory and sketch of the colleges where its chapters are located.

—The seventh Convention of *Kappa Kappa Gamma* was held at St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y., August 27 and 28.

The *Golden Key* was put in the hands of Eta Chapter, University of Wisconsin, and made a quarterly. The Song Book will appear soon, and good progress reported on Catalogue. Charters withdrawn from four chapters. The next Convention will be held at Akron, Ohio, August, '86, under the auspices of the Lamda Chapter.

—The *Chi Phi Quarterly* tells us that *Delta Kappa Epsilon* maintains that a fraternity journal should be managed by its alumni, for the reason that the interests of the active membership demand it. Each chapter of this Fraternity subscribes for a larger number of quarterlies than its membership is composed of, for the purpose of circulating copies among its alumni, giving them the option of paying their subscription price to their chapter or not. This is done on the ground that the interests of the chapter demand that each alumnus be informed, so as to revive his interest and renew his allegiance to the Order.

—We are indebted to the *De Pauw Monthly* for the following items.

The forty-fifth Annual Convention of Beta Theta Pi was held August 19th, 20th, 21st and 22d, 1884, at "Wooglin on Chautauqua." Forty chapters represented. The place of meeting is a new summer resort, founded and owned by the fraternity. The grounds comprise some twenty acres, situated on the shore of the lake, a mile and a half from Maysville. The Chautauqua Assembly grounds are in sight, but five miles away, with steamer passage to and from every half hour. The club-house, one of the finest on the lake, can accommodate two hundred and fifty Betas. The first two days devoted to business. On Thursday an excursion around the lake on a special steamer; in the evening, a *fete champetre* and fire-works in Beta Park, ending with a hop at the club-house. Friday was devoted to business, with banquet in the evening. The next convention will be held the last week in October, 1885, at St. Louis, Mo.

—The fifteenth Biennial Convention of Sigma Chi was held at the Burnett House, Cincinnati, the last week in August, 1884. Some two hundred members present. Thirty-seven out of forty-two active chapters represented. Following the lead of Delta

Tau Delta, Zeta Psi and others, Sigma Chi made her constitution open. Radical changes made in the constitution and government of the fraternity. The *Sigma Chi* will be published at Chicago, with Mr. Walter L. Fisher editor-in-chief. Steps taken regarding the catalogue and history of the fraternity. Fraternity divided into six provinces, with a Grand Praetor over each. The Grand Praetor of the Fourth Province, in which the Xi, at De Pauw, is situated, is Mr. Charles W. Morris, of Indianapolis.

—The twentieth Annual Convention of Phi Gamma Delta was held under the auspices of the Pennsylvania chapter, August 26th, 27th and 28th, 1884, at the Monongahela House, Pittsburgh. C. C. Miller, of Pittsburgh, President, granted charters to Wittenberg and the Universities of Georgia and Texas, refusing a charter to Adrian. The *Journal*, which is to be a sixty-four page bi-monthly, returned to the Lambda, at De Pauw. Songbook to be published by the Sigma Deuteron, at Lafayette. Catalogue to appear in 1884. The convention ended with a banquet at the Monongahela House. Next convention to be held under the auspices of the Sigma Deuteron, of Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., October 26th, 27th and 28th, 1885.

—The twenty-eighth Annual Convention of Delta Tau Delta was held August 20th, 21st and 22d, 1884, under the auspices of the Pi, of Lehigh University, at Watkins' Glen, New York, the beautiful and romantic summer resort at the head of Seneca Lake. The president of the Lehigh Valley railroad furnished a special train for the accommodation of the Eastern delegates. Rev. Benjamin F. Dimmick, of Cincinnati, President. Sustained the Council in withdrawing the charter from Mt. Union College. Refused two petitions for charters. Made appropriation for a chapter house at Hanover. Ordered that the sixth general catalogue be published in 1890, under the auspices of the Rho, at Stevens' Institute of Technology. Returned the *Crescent* to the Alpha, of Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa. Among the social features of the convention were rambles in the glen, the excursion on the lake, the literary exercises in the village, and the banquet at the Glen Mountain House. The next convention will be held under the auspices of the Delta of the University of Michigan, at Detroit, Michigan, August 22d, 23d and 24th, 1885.

OUR EXCHANGES.

It seems impossible for us to get all of our exchanges in together so that we can review them all in any one number. This issue, however, we have the pleasure of noticing some we have not seen for quite a time. We wish we could say that the quality made up for the quantity; but we do not think that as a whole the numbers before us compare favorably with many of their predecessors. It may be due to the fact that at the beginning of the scholastic year there is less news and that the editors have scarcely gotten well down to their work. Yet we think that in spite of improved books and typography the matter of our Greek lettered magazines is not up to what it used to be. We trust it will not be thought that the exterior can make up for the interior. With books, as with men, the exterior may be beautiful to behold, while the interior is full of *dry* bones and refuse matter. Let us make the outside as beautiful and tasty as we can, but not at the expense of the subject matter, such as Greek news, editorials on questions of interest to the big Greek public, histories and reminiscences, &c., &c. We have never had more difficulty than in this number in getting extracts for our "Voice of the Greek Press."

—*Phi Gamma Delta*.—This worthy and welcome visitor comes to us in a more convenient form and size than ever before. We could once say of it, "Thou comest in such a questionable shape." We now know at first glance it is a magazine. Its editorial staff and place of publication have been recently changed. We greet our new co-laborer, Mr. M. J. Beckett, with much pleasure, and trust his experience may prove of much benefit to his Fraternity and the Greek world at large and most satisfactory to himself. His first number is a creditable one. The two communicated pieces, "Dudes and Drillards," and "'Twas a Hat," are at least amusing if not very germane to the Greek world proper. "The Knight of To-day" is more to the point, and we

shall give it elsewhere to our readers. The poetry is above the average—*i. e.*, above *our* average. We wish the editorials were more general. Do the various magazines fail to come to hand, or are they unworthy of notice? What is true of this number is true of almost all the other numbers we shall notice at this time. The review of exchanges is limited as to number and meagre as to quantity of editorial remarks. The October number closes with seventeen good Chapter Letters, a short list of initiates, and nine pages of interesting Personals.

The Crescent (Delta Tau Delta).—The October number is neat in appearance and comely in shape. We miss the enterprise and vim of the old *Crescent*, however, when we open the magazine. The editorials are entirely taken up with the late Convention. The Greek News is excellent—the best we have seen in any magazine for some time. In this respect the *Crescent* is like her old self. There are twenty-three Chapter Letters, all breathing a candid, courteous, earnest spirit. Little over a page of Exchange Notices and a goodly number of Personals close this number.

The Scroll (Phi Delta Theta).—There is an instructive and exhaustive article on "Greek Fraternity Catalogues." Take this out, and the November number is about as strictly Phi Delta Theta as it can be. It contains besides, information, news and notes, about the coming Convention, encouraging but short reports from Province Presidents, and forty-four Chapter Letters. We must beg our old and valued friend to give us, as of yore, the keen, pungent wit and racy, newsy style. We can't believe that the spirit of bold and discriminating criticism has taken its everlasting flight from the editorial sanctum of bright old Phi Delta Theta.

The Shield (Phi Kappa Psi).—Numbers 3 and 4 of Vol V, are before us. We show our appreciation by transferring to our own pages the article on "Alumni Chapter Question," and would

like to appropriate also "Meetings of Active and Ex-Active Phi Psis." All discussions touching the alumnis interest us and are profitable.

The only thing that strikes us particularly, in the Editorial Department, are the few words spoken in behalf of Wm. Baird as against Mr. Jacobs. We know but little of the merits of the controversy, but we regret that two Greeks should ever have occasion to engage in so bitter a contest as this one seems to be. We can well understand how mistakes were liable in such a work, largely statistical, as Mr. Baird undertook. As far as Psi Upsilon is concerned, we don't object to her thinking well of herself. Her exclusiveness can hurt no one except herself, and can but afford amusement to those who advocate a policy more in keeping with the age and the true spirit of the highest, noblest manhood. The Fraternity press receives fair attention, at least in the September number, and nine Chapter Letters in one number and twelve in the other, make but a moderate showing as to this well-nigh *all* absorbing feature in the present day Fraternity magazines. The letters, although few in number are good, and show a healthy condition of the chapters which speak through them.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly.—The October number opens with three very handsome steel plates, showing the arms of as many chapters. In this connection we would speak our high appreciation of this characteristic of the Dekes. We shall give extracts from an interesting article in this number on Heraldry, and we hope it will make such an impression on some Alpha Tau that he will go to work at once, and submit a plan for the governing of our own Fraternity in this important matter.

One of the most interesting articles we have read for a long time is "*Δ. K. E. in the Old South.*" It is a valuable contribution to the history of the Fraternity, and gives a record of which it may well be proud. The spirit of *Δ. K. E.* in the particular of extension, is in striking and advantageous contrast with that of the other New England Fraternities. All of them would be richer to-day, in men and memories, if they had such an antebellum record as Senator Butler makes for his own Fraternity.

We are glad the Senator could and did spare time from his public duties to prepare this article. We have heard, with some regret, that the policy of *Δ. K. E.* of late has been not to increase her Southern chapters. It is a mistaken policy if true, and we would think this article would cause her to reconsider any such resolve if she has ever made it. We think the descendants of the Old Dekes have a right to ask that they be not excluded from the birth-right of their noble fathers.

As a matter of fact, if the characteristics, such as hospitality, cordiality, sociability, warm-heartedness, chivalry and the like, which have been attributed to the people of the South, be *true*, then of all fields the South is the best for the growth and well nigh ideal development of the Greek Fraternity. No fraternity can reach its highest and best possibilities in this country which confines itself to one section; and to leave out of the Fraternity organism the South is to leave out of it much of the *heart* of America.

The Editorial Department is full and good. The point made against Mr. Baird's assertion in regard to a National Fraternity is well taken, in view of Senator Butler's article. We like very much the bits of history, frequently given in the *Quarterly*, such as "The Founding of Rho," in this number. It is an easy way of putting material in the hands of the historiographer.

The review department is rich and full. We regret the absence of Exchange Notices and Greek News, but we have the promise "that this shall be abundantly made up." There are twenty-nine Chapter Letters.

We may, in a future number, give in full the article, "The Self-Government of College Students." The fact that "precisely those institutions where Greek Chapters have longest been most prosperous and numerous—the Universities of Virginia and Michigan—that self-government of students most prevails," is most significant, and should be brought to the attention of those trustees and faculties where Greek fraternities are prohibited.

The Star and Crescent (Alpha Delta Phi).—As we shall appropriate the article on “College Men in Congress,” we will pass by it to say that the Fraternity press is reviewed in this November number with the usual fairness and fullness of this excellent journal. We are glad to notice in the comments that are suggested by Senator Butler’s piece that Alpha Delta Phi is willing and anxious to learn from others, and ready to adopt methods in her own affairs which have proved successful in other places. With such a spirit as this, there is no end of perfection to which a Fraternity of such strength and character as Alpha Delta Phi cannot attain. It speaks well for her future. We greatly enjoyed the review of “Bound Together—A Sheaf of Papers.” We envy Alpha Delta Phi such treasure. However when we get some “Donald G. Mitchells” we shall be as rich. Our literary men are coming on. We could mention several men that will make their mark. Let such brothers not forget Alpha Tau Omega. Thirteen admirable Chapter Letters and eight pages, double columns, of Personals bring this number to a close.

Mu Sigma Chi.—This journal comes to us greatly improved in appearance. It is the first number of Vol. II, and its subscription price has been advanced to \$1.50 per year. It is to be issued in five numbers, covering the scholastic year. The October number is exceptionably good—the best issue of any Magazine that has reached us in the last several months. It opens with the address before the last Grand Chapter, in which the subject of “College Education” is ably handled by the Hon. Isaac M. Jordan. After an article on “Chapter Libraries,” from *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*, a part of which we have in a previous number given our readers, we have a pleasant account of “The Biennial Meeting in Philadelphia, in ’76.” We were attracted by this in view of our approaching meeting at the same place. Then comes a good, strong editorial department. The story of the late Convention in Cincinnati, is well told, and “Our Govern-

mental System" is of practical and immediate interest to others than Sigma Chi. This is the kind of editorial we like: something suggestive and helpful to all Greeks. The Greek press is noticed with unusual fullness and discrimination. We do not agree with the strictures upon "Delta Kappa Epsilon in the Old South." We believe the Kentucky Military Institute may be as good and probably a better place for a chapter than Harvard or Yale. Mr. Baird receives some hard licks, and "The Psi Upsilon Epitome" is not unduly praised. It really looks as if Mr. Baird and Mr. Jacobs are going down to posterity chained together. We would rather it were the golden chain of friendship than the iron chain of hate that now keep their names together. Thirty Chapter Letters, in keeping with the meritorious character of what precedes, finishes this excellent number.

We now have a word to say in commendation of a magazine which does not come under the head of our Greek Exchanges. The *De Pauw Monthly* is one of the very best publications we know emanating from literary societies. It is published by the two societies at De Pauw University, and makes provision for fraternity news by appointing an editor for this purpose alone. It is to this editor—Mr. O. M. Matson, Delta Tau Delta—that we are especially indebted for several kindnesses. His "Greek News," too, is about the best we have seen for a long time, if we except that of the last *Crescent*. We have drawn largely from this issue, and now and here express our thanks and obligation. The editorials and communications are varied and spicy, and the "College World" full of information. We should like to exchange with more of these literary magazines if they are all like the *De Pauw Monthly*. We welcome the *Monthly* to our table, and wish it every success.

THE VOICE OF THE GREEK PRESS.

College Men in Congress.

[From the *Star and Crescent* of Alpha Delta Phi.]

There is a great deal said and a great deal written in these latter days about the educated man in politics, the college graduate in Congress. George William Curtis, himself a man of college training, returns, a delegate from the year's Republican Presidential Convention at Chicago, to New York city to talk from the Easy Chair of Harper's on the theme. Chauncey M. Depew, prominent in party councils, speaks from the June commencement stage of Rutgers College on the need of young talent and strong scholars in the fields of State and national legislation. The subject is one worthy of study, and is everywhere attracting attention.

Year by year the call for skilled labor, for specially prepared workers, increases in every branch of mechanical and mercantile labor. In public affairs there is the same demand. The entrance of young men of collegiate education into the ranks of politicians is asked for and approved. The participation of older men, possessing experience in public life added to collegiate education, in the forming of laws, in the carrying on of government, in the fullest exercise of the privileges of citizenship, at polls, primary and in the jury box, is welcomed most heartily by press and pulpit and the public mind.

Men of liberal education, men who have been taught by a course of college training how to think and work, who have been grounded in political history and political science and political economy, or have had their lines of study in these subjects mapped out by the influence of a university or a college, are the men whose services are wanted in practical politics. There are places for such men in legislative assemblies.

Colleges are beginning to recognize the fact that, though they cannot fully equip their graduates for immediate action in the halls of the national or State legislatures, still they can furnish to their students the opportunity for obtaining the basis of that full equipment. Political studies are being introduced in the courses of all progressive institutions. Special schools are being founded for instruction in the preliminary acquirements of the statesman and the publicist's education. The Wharton School of Finance and Economy at the University of Pennsylvania, the School of Political Science at Columbia, and the special depart-

ments at Harvard and the University of Michigan, have been established within a comparatively recent period. The limits of their usefulness, and the measure of success they are to meet with, are questions as yet undetermined. But results of a favorable kind are to be looked for, and it is unquestionable that in the future the college bred citizen will become a more active participant in politics and general national affairs than in former times.

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The forty-eighth Congress has upon its rolls an unusually large number of college men. In the Senate they count nearly one-half of the entire number, and in the House over one-third. The following table, prepared from the Congressional Directory, presents a complete list of the college men in the present Congress, the number of college men sent by each State, and the representation of the three sections, the North, the South, and the West. The statistics will suggest varied comment. No single college in the table is noteworthy for having a very large number of her alumni in the present Congress. Some of the best-known institutions are but poorly represented :

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The Knight of To-Day.

[From *The Phi Gamma Delta*.]

The days of chivalry are past. The Knight of the Middle Ages, with his tournaments, his crusades, and his other deeds of heroism has gone with them, and naught is left to recall him, exclusive of the pages of history and fiction. Some foolish, romantic dreamers may lament him. The man of mature consideration readily decides that we have little cause to regret his departure. When we observe the characteristics which marked the chivalrous warrior of the past, we see that like qualities are generally possessed by the true gentleman of the present. His bravery is certainly to be admired; but are there no brave men now? When you read of the gallantry of the Black Prince of Baynard, or of Henry of Navarre, your heart beats more rapidly, all your nobler feelings are excited, but is it less the case when

you read of the noble conduct of some unknown hero of our own time, who, by his courage and presence of mind, has saved some hundreds of people from impending destruction in a railroad accident. Coming to another trait in the knight's character, we feel sure that all sensible men will deny that a lover's devotion to his sweetheart is best expressed by his risking his life in an endeavor to prove that her foot is smaller than that of any other lady in Christendom. When we touch upon patriotism, we find a weak place in our departed hero's armor. The most distinguished chevaliers usually proved to be anything rather than patriots. When one of these mediæval heroes found himself of such prominence that he could, with impunity, set his sovereign's authority at stake, personal ambition and the desire for gain generally became his masters, and he allied himself to that faction, country or cause, that promised best to promote his own interests. As to his gallant defence of the rights of the oppressed, the widowed and the fatherless, these three classes have as worthy champions now. True, we have no measured lists, in which the defender shall contend with the oppressor; but there are courts of law, and there are honest lawyers to take the cause of the wronged into these arenas and there see that their injuries are righted. But the lawyers are not entirely disinterested; they receive fees for their services granted; and the chevalier never lived outside of a novel, who was not rewarded for his championship, either by pecuniary gain, or political aggrandizement. All these points go to show that the gentleman of to-day is fully the equal of the mail-clad hero of the past. In none of these qualities does an inferiority become manifest. Of but one trait was the knight of history possessed which gave him some claim to superiority. This was his reverence for the truth. We do not mean that all the men of to-day are liars. But if there is any one who has any doubt that speaking the truth is a quality now rarely met with, let him listen to two campaign orators of opposing political sentiments, he will be fully convinced that one, and probably both, have uttered such a mass of fabrications as would stricken any real lover of the truth. These falsehoods are repeated and bandied about by men, who must know that they are false. It is the same in private life, men lie outright about their neighbors, about their business, about everything. Men who have reputation for honesty, "pillars of the church," men of devout character, will lie as to the age of a horse, which they wish to sell. This has become a proverb, "never trust a man in a horse trade." So much for the truth; now, with the knight of old, it was different, his word of honor as a true knight could be

relied upon. If captured in war and released on a parole, he kept his word, and surrendered himself again at the time appointed. What would your devout man of to-day say to this? Here is answer: Such an oath sworn under such circumstances, could never be held binding. His so called honor is only another name for insane fanaticism. Is this true? We believe not. What the world wants is more honorable men. Men of truth. The man who is truthful, is, of necessity, just and upright. He scorns the petty meanness and craving submission to which his less honorable brother stoops from motives of policy, or from the desire of pecuniary gain. This is the true Knight of to-day. In him are blended the noblest qualities of the mediæval chivalier and the modern gentleman.

Our Governmental System.

[From *The Sigma Chi.*]

The closing days of August, 1884, marked the opening of a new epoch in the history of Sigma Chi. Those same eventful days witnessed the culmination of a reform movement originated in the beginning of 1882, partially successful at the Chicago convention, and finally triumphant at Cincinnati. Its object was the abolition of the antiquated and inadequate government which had prevailed from the origin of the Fraternity, and the substitution of a new and original system. It is of that system we propose to speak. Its central idea is the concentration of executive power in the hands of responsible individuals; but it presents a complex and closely interwoven system of checks and balances, uniting in one harmonious whole the best features of many systems. Portions of it have been adopted and successfully applied by other orders. Single elements are not new to the Hellenistic world; but it remained for Sigma Chi to take the advantageous features of many existing forms of government and mould them, together with many original elements, into a system unique in the history of American fraternities. We have no hesitation in asserting that Sigma Chi possesses the best and most efficient form of government ever put to the test of practical experiment by a Greek society. This we do the more readily because, during the long agitation of these radical reforms, our advanced ideas have met with the uniform approval of those of our rivals whose government is most progressive and efficient, coupled with the

prophecy that we could never secure the adoption of such ultra-progressive doctrines, despite their theoretical advantages. But our Hellenic friends reckoned without knowing the real nature of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. In confident reliance upon the support of the order, when thoroughly apprised of the transcendent advantages of the system, its adoption was successfully urged, after a prolonged debate, which tested every bolt and rivet of the powerful engine now placed in the hands of our governing body. To day Sigma Chi is in possession of a government which should be her pride and boast.

The prevailing idea of the entire system is individual responsibility and individual power; its most conspicuous exponent and central feature, the office of a General Secretary. The government of a college fraternity is largely executive, and hence it is not difficult to apprehend the advantages of the conspicuous application to this office of the doctrine of individual power and responsibility. We have but applied the true secret of all administrative efficiency to the government of a body where its application is natural and easy. Yet it is not without its attendant evils. No strong government ever is. Its enemies may call it the "one man power." They forget that the essence of administrative efficiency is the unity and concentration of power in the hands of a capable leader; and, looking only at one side of the question, these timid souls are fearful of losing their individuality in that of the leader. Others are inspired by jealousy, lest their tiny rush light should be dimmed through the strengthening of the central flame. In other words, by looking only at the power conferred upon individuals, they lose sight of the work and responsibility which compensate for all their seeming elevation.

Nevertheless, there are certain necessary attendants of the system. The men who are fitted to fill the duties of the position must, of necessity, be strong men; they must have views of their own upon questions which arise and the will to act up to their honest convictions. When evils occur, or injury is being done, they will naturally act firmly, promptly and with decision; but will as naturally incur the ill will of those whom their sense of right and duty thus leads them to oppose. Perfection is not born of mortals, and mistakes will inevitably occur; but the only way in which to secure the best results is by selecting a capable, earnest and trustworthy leader, with force of character and energy in executing plans, and in whose devotion to the cause there is confident reliance; and then to give to him the support of the entire organization, with none of the petty quibbling which seeks for flaws, and would rather retain the whole body

in mediocrity of station than elevate some other man above the common level.

Appreciating the force of these objections, so far as they are justly valid, and recognizing that too much power may often be dangerous, restraints were wisely placed upon the principal executive officer. Here, as in the entire system, the principle of balanced powers receives great consideration. Indeed, the whole has resulted in a most elaborate system of checks and balances. The principle of territorial representation is united with that of centralization. The powers of the central body are made properly dependent, first upon the decisions of the entire Council, and ultimately upon the voice of the individual chapters. The Tribune is subject to the Triumvirs, they to the Council, and the Council to the chapters. Despatch of business and promptness of execution are secured, subject to the guidance and control of a deliberative body. The *alumni* are conspicuously prominent in the government; but the voice of the active chapters is the court of ultimate appeal, and active members are found within the Council. And, best of all, a central body of experienced *alumni* is constantly meeting for careful and discreet deliberation upon the questions which affect the vital interests of the order, and is pushing those interests by plans which reach out in all the directions of fraternity advancement. Council and chapters are kept thoroughly informed, and are furnished with whatever they may need by way of instruction, advice or assistance, while a great movement is constantly going on to reach out after our *alumni* and re-unite them to the practical work of the active organization. It needs no prophetic eye to forecast the ultimate results of strengthened executive, legislative and judicial departments in constant session, and working in essential harmony of purpose—the elevation of Sigma Chi to her proper place among American fraternities.

Delta Kappa Epsilon Heraldry.

[From *The Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*.]

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In studying the significance of the arms, it is necessary to observe the methods of the science, so far as they have been employed in this instance. The display of devices upon shields, a custom as old as the use of defensive weapons, assumed peculiar importance early in the middle ages, because the state of the

military art then required the combatant to be so fully protected by armor as to conceal him from recognition. The figures on the shield were then relied on as marks of identity; and this use, to serve the object in view, was necessarily shaped into a more or less systematic practice. The earliest arms were simple in every respect, the devices being mostly bounded by straight lines, in the forms known as the honorable ordinaries. As the number of coats armorial grew, the variety of the bearings was increased, and many devices were early assumed, with allusion to the name of the wearer, to some incident in his life or that of one of his ancestors, to the faith which inspired his prowess, to the ideal which he strove to attain. Originally the outer "coats," which covered the mailed bodies of the knights, were made into actual representations of the blazon their wearers had assumed; and black and white, red, blue and yellow, the commonest of tints in which stuffs were dyed, were naturally the "colors" in which coats of arms were composed. Later, when luxury suggested broidery of silver and gold, these "metals" took the places of the colors white and yellow, to which their sheen bore nearest relation, while a regard for artistic effect almost invariably prompted the juxtaposition of "metal" and "color." As a result, when color was charged upon color or metal upon metal, so conspicuous for that reason was the escutcheon affected that it became regarded as a fit blazonry only to commemorate some great achievement—a challenge to notice—*arma inquirenda*. Gold upon silver were the bearings of the Christian Kings of Jerusalem,* azure upon sable the fetterlock and shacklebolt on the shield of Cœur de Lion, returning to claim his own.†

So, when our elder brothers selected arms for Delta Kappa Epsilon, they made them grandly symbolical, the hearts of gules linked by the chain of or, the chevrons counterpointed, the radiated eye in chief, the escutcheon of pretence, with its combined shields, the winged globe cresting the achievement. *Arma inquirenda*, too, they made them. For was not a new kingdom founded when Delta Kappa Epsilon was established? Did not Athéné come to her own when Delta Kappa Epsilon's altar was set up at her seats of culture?

From a heraldic point of view, the arms are unusually significant and peculiarly appropriate to the character and objects of the fraternity. The devices, the disposition of the tinctures, and the arrangement of the several coats, all express a meaning. The charges upon the main shield, which is quite distinct from

* Argent, a cross-cro-slet cantoned with four crosses or.

† This reference is of course not a historical one. *Vide* "Ivanhoe."

the two coats borne upon the smaller shield surmounting the middle portion, and alone constitutes the primary arms of the fraternity, are in the highest degree striking, and convey at once to the eye a significance as beautiful as it is appropriate. And by displaying red upon blue this shield is brought into the category of arms of "inquiry." To the principal coat are added two others, in accordance with the laws of heraldic marshaling. These are borne upon the smaller shield, illustrating by their position upon the larger that method of bearing arms by which the wearer of the principal coat shows his claims to the possessions represented by the other. A man married to an heiress places her arms upon his own in this manner. The joining of the two coats side by side upon the smaller shield is in the form known as an impalement. In this way a wife joins her arms on the sinister side to those of her husband, whether he be living or dead. Bishops are said to be "knit in nuptial bands of love and care for the cathedral churches" in their charge; their paternal arms are impaled on the left side with the arms of the See. The marshaling of these coats in the Delta Kappa Epsilon escutcheon, therefore, shows a close relation between them, or a joining of the qualities represented by each singly, while their position upon the main shield shows the pretensions of the fraternity to them. The crest, which is the beautiful emblem of the soul, and the motto, completing the achievement, require no comment.

It is remarkable how many will be found, in a wide Delta Kappa Epsilon acquaintance, who recall, with a feeling kindred to love, almost every line of some old engraving, which, with many imperfections, preserved some semblance to the arms, and was the best and only representation seen during the period of an active membership. To such, the beautiful and correct drawings of the arms presented to the fraternity in the *Quarterly*, once in colors in the first number, and repeated with every issue in two tints upon the cover, must come as the realization of a dream. And it is the hope that even the description of the arms of Delta Kappa Epsilon, couched in heraldic language, may pleasantly recall fraternity associations, that an amateur ventures to repeat their blazon:

Arms.—Azure, between two chevrons contrepoin, the superior or, the inferior gules, as many human hearts of the last, issuing thereout a chain pendant over all, the link in the base point in form of a Greek letter Φ , of the second; in chief an eye proper, radiated or; and upon an escutcheon of pretence, argent, a lion rampant sable, langued gules, impaling argent, a

chevron between two keys endorsed in saltier in chief sable, and in base three mullets, two and one, in form of a triple star, gules, azure, and or.

Crest.—A globe or, winged argent.

Motto.—*Κηρόθεν φίλοι ἀεὶ.*

In developing the scheme of heraldic devices so as to recognize the growing importance of the chapters and their relations with each other and the general fraternity, Delta Kappa Epsilon has followed a practice which has the sanction of the very best usage, and each chapter has now a complete achievement of its own, obtained by differencing the fraternity arms. Of the various modes provided by the science for reaching such a result, Delta Kappa Epsilon has selected those which are most suitable to the manifold purposes she has in view. A brief explanation will make the process plain and place the results clearly before the eye. To preserve the essential Delta Kappa Epsilon character in the chapter arms, the tinctures in the fraternity arms are simply inverted, all the chapters having the same coat in common, but differenced for each by the Greek-letter characteristic. The blue shield is changed to gold, the upper chevron from gold to red, and the lower from red to blue, and the gold chain and letter to red, while the hearts remain as they are, and the eye is omitted. Upon the shield so changed is placed an inescutcheon, which displays a charge either silver or gold upon black, or black upon silver. Each chapter has a separate coat upon the inescutcheon, as well as its own crest and motto, the latter being uniformly Greek. The chapter arms are not *arma inquirenda*, that distinction being reserved for the blazon of the fraternity. It will readily be seen that in this way a complete system is produced, with well defined limitations, yet capable of any extent of application, and providing for each chapter an armorial coat that displays the fraternity colors and emblems, while offering a pleasing contrast to the fraternity arms when used with them in chapter-house decorations and elsewhere, and at the same time conspicuously exhibiting the individuality of the chapter in its special emblems.

The Alumni Chapter Question.

[From *The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi.]

In the last number of *The Shield* there appeared a very excellent statement of the condition of our alumni chapters, and some valuable suggestions as to the best means of improving their situation—contributed by our friend and brother, Geo. D. Gotwald. In the editorial of the same number is the request that the opinions advanced in the columns of *The Shield* be more freely discussed and criticised. We therefore take the liberty of expressing our ideas in reference to our alumni organization, which is certainly the most important topic at present before our fraternity for consideration.

We desire, in the first place, to include Ill. Delta in the same category with the alumni chapters at Kansas City, Mo., Washington, D. C., and Columbus, Ohio. We are not aware of ever having received a charter, and consequently "have not died—because we never lived." We are grateful to Bro. Gotwald for having disclosed to us this loop-hole, through which we hasten to crawl and thus escape the painful necessity of confessing to a failure. Ill. Delta is not dead—she never lived. The parchment upon which was printed the certificate of our right to exist never reached us, and therefore we never had such right—and never existed.

From our brief experience in attempting to organize an alumni chapter, we have learned several facts concerning the relation which our alumni sustain toward each other, and are therefore prepared to state with some degree of certainty what may be expected of them.

In the first place, it must be remembered that the relation between our alumni, congregated at any one point, is very different from that existing between the members of an active chapter located at some educational institution. In the latter case, all have the same immediate goal in view, i. e., the requirement of a liberal education, the support of literary societies, and the fostering of class and college organizations; all of which appeal with equal force to the heart of every true student. Whether such an institution as a Greek letter fraternity ever existed or not, there would still be a bond of friendship and sympathy between college men. We introduce, however, our secret societies, and the young man attends his chapter's meetings regularly through his college course. But why? Is it because he has such a high sense of

his duty toward his fraternity? We do not think that is the true reason. He is faithful principally because he will there find congenial spirits, young men of nearly the same age who have bound themselves together because of this congeniality; he can there discuss the events of the week with those who are as deeply interested as himself, speculate upon the result of some contest, and build air castles never to be realized. These young men make plans together and work side by side to accomplish their fulfillment. The success of one is the success of all. Such an organization possesses all the elements of strength and perpetuity.

With our alumni this is all changed. There is among them no community of pursuits, tastes or interests. Their ways are divergent; they move in entirely different social circles, and seldom meet, except by accident; they have other associations and other claims, which appeal to them much stronger than does their college fraternity. The Phi Psis whom they meet are not the Phi Psis of their college days—they are almost strangers to each other, and have but few opportunities to become better acquainted. And the fact that they do know so little of one another, and have so little in common, is the chief reason why they do not avail themselves of many occasions when they might meet together and learn to appreciate the good qualities which each possesses.

Does any one seriously think that the G. A. C. can prescribe any law adequate to remedy this state of affairs? Can a law be enacted that will manufacture to order a common interest where none previously existed, or enable one man to discover in another congenial traits which were before unnoticed? Will an alumnus of twenty-five or thirty years' standing take a street car of a cold winter's night and ride eight or ten miles in order to meet men whom he cares little about and who may be personally disagreeable to him, simply because a handful of college boys think it is the proper thing for him to do? And if he is to be excused, then why not excuse all? Where are you to draw the line? And if all are entitled to an excuse where and how is your chapter to meet? That our alumni can be tied down to any constitution prescribed by the G. A. C., is a mistaken idea. Any organization among them must be of the "go-as-you-please" character, and such an one is worse than none at all—as it accomplishes nothing and soon falls for lack of proper attention and "push."

But is any real or pretended organization of our alumni necessary? The proposed awakening of Phi Psi spirit and enthusiasm among them is not undertaken for the purpose of materially add-

ing to the happiness or advancement of our alumni; no such result is sought to be obtained. It is desired simply that the fraternity itself may be improved—*i. e.*, that our active chapters may be put on a firm and more secure basis by having the support, both moral and financial, of our alumni—and, if in so helping, our alumni should derive any pleasure or profit, so much the better; but this is merely collateral, and not the direct object. That our chapters should be so supported at times, there can be no doubt; hence this “alumni crusade” should be vigorously pushed. But should those who are most interested in its success—that is, the undergraduates—undertake and carry out this work? Are they not in a situation where it can be more easily performed by them? There is an edict of the G. A. C. which recommends that during the collegiate year each chapter issue a circular letter, or letters, to its alumni, informing them of the condition of the chapter, the number and names of members, addresses of other alumni, the time and place of holding any proposed banquet, etc., etc. The fact that our chapters had so far neglected their alumni as to render such an edict necessary does not, to say the least, reflect much credit upon them; and yet we have grave doubts whether any chapter, except Pa. Epsilon, even after being thus reminded of its duty, issues any such circular letter. In addition to strictly obeying the above-mentioned edict, we would suggest the following:

Require each chapter to keep an accurate list of the names, addresses and occupations of its graduate members; and when any alumnus resides in the neighborhood of any other chapter from which he graduated to forward to the former the name and address of such alumnus. If each chapter would detail one or two men to attend to this work this summer, by next fall each chapter would probably know the addresses of its alumni and also the names and addresses of the Phi Psis in its immediate neighborhood.

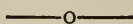
By this means our alumni will soon be in direct communication with their own chapters, and would hear concerning the condition of the same at least once a year, and in addition thereto would probably receive invitations to attend all banquets, etc., given by the chapter nearest to them. This would be a long stride in advance of our present condition, and would be appreciated by every true Phi Psi graduate. But much more can and ought to be done. Each chapter that discovers that there are many alumni within easy reach, should undertake to bring them together at least once a year for a general “round up.” Fur-

nished with a complete list of the Phi Psis in the near northwest, the Ill. Alpha and Beta chapters could arrange for and successfully conduct the largest meeting of Phi Psis ever held at Chicago, and in a few years our fraternity would be the most widely known and the most influential of any in this section. Let other chapters located near prominent railroad centres undertake similar projects, and we are of the opinion that no one could ask for a more enthusiastic body of alumni. Let your alumni see that your interest in them extends beyond a request for financial aid, and that you are willing to undertake extra work for the pleasure of meeting them and becoming better acquainted with them, and you will soon find that no organization, no constitution from the G. A. C. and no alumni chapters are necessary to keep alive the interest in the Phi Kappa Psi.

Grant charters to no *sub rosa* chapters, initiate no candidate who for any reason must be kept *sub rosa*; have an alumni pin designed. Then, instead of its being a privilege, make it compulsory for every active member and for every member who graduates after 1885, to wear a Phi Psi pin in plain sight. Such a requirement would tend to keep a man's fraternity continually before him, and the increased number of brothers whom he would meet and know as such, would be very apt to strengthen his regard for his college society.

As to the share which our alumni should have in the fraternity government, we may trespass upon your patience in discussing that question at some future time.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.



A PARTING WORD.

How beautiful is the thought of universal brotherhood! One of the *Palm* editors sits writing this line amid scenes of millennial peace. It is a perfect morning in the far South. The dazzling sunlight of this low latitude, subdued by the autumnal haze, rests upon a landscape of gently rolling prairie and woodland, and lends a genial warmth to the bracing November air. It is a day for stretching oneself upon the green and russet sod and dreaming of all peaceful beauty. The wonderful thought-music of Sidney Lanier, that greatest of our-time poets, comes into our hearts, and we hear the flute-voice of that symphony which he has interpreted for us:

“ When Nature from her far-off glen
 Flutes her soft messages to men,
 The flute can say them o’er again;
 Yea, Nature, singing sweet and lone,
 Breathing through life’s strident polyphone
 The flute-voice in the world of tone.
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 So, Nature calls through all her system wide,
 ‘ Give me thy love, O man, so long denied.’
 Much time is run, and man hath changed his ways,
 Since Nature, in the antique fable-days,
 Was hid from man’s true love by proxy fays,
 False fauns and rascal gods that stole her praise.
 The nymphs, cold creatures of man’s colder brain,
 Chilled Nature’s streams till man’s warm heart was fain
 Never to lave its love in them again.
 Later, a sweet Voice, ‘ *Love thy neighbor*,’ said;
 Then first the bounds of neighborhood outspread
 Beyond all confines of old ethnic dread.
 Vainly the Jew might wag his covenant head:
 All men are neighbors, so the sweet Voice said.

Se when man's arms had circled all man's race,
The liberal compass of his warm embrace
Stretched bigger yet in the dark bounds of space ;
With hands a-grope he felt smooth Nature's grace
Drew her to breast and kissed her sweetheart face :
His heart found neighbors in great hills and trees
And streams and clouds and suns and birds and bees,
And throbbed with neighbor-loves in loving these."

Thus the poet interprets the concord of Nature's gentle tones, on such a day as this, with that "sweet Voice" that for eighteen hundred years has been wooing men to universal brotherhood. And has it wooed in vain? Only from the depths of embittered pessimism could "yes" be answered to this. You, brethren of our beloved Fraternity, yea, all true Greeks, must answer "no." There are signs that vain babblings shall cease; that envy, hatred and malice for conscience sake grow distasteful to men. The Scribes and Pharisees are slowly falling back before the light of the catholic spirit that is beginning to penetrate the darkest corners of ignorant intolerance. What part the secret fraternities of the world have had and are having in advancing the structure of society, in its most comprehensive sense, will probably never be adequately noted. The professedly Christian organizations of the world have, by virtue of the very dignity of their work, met with embarrassments that have never impeded the progress of the fraternities. It is as if the Master going away had left his workmen to build his temple; the architects have often quarrelled over detail, often fought indeed most shamefully; still all the time the humbler laborers have gone about their work, bringing brick and mortar and building them into the foundation of love upon which all men can work together, sure of the Master's approval. Our secret societies have many of them been doing this work with no thought, it may be, of ever rising to the dignity of architects in the temple; yet, perhaps, all the time preparing such a foundation as shall disclose the designs of the Master and unite the architects in the completion of the superstructure.

The writer of this has delighted to dwell upon the catholicity of our Fraternity as the very mainspring of its power and usefulness. He trusts that the theme has not become monotonous. To the intellectual man there is no pleasure so keen and so abiding as that which arises in tracing out the harmonies of nature; that is, inanimate nature merely. Shall a less degree of pleasure be found in the contemplation of social harmonies? It is the glorious destiny of our Fraternity to push forward the development of human nobility, and to do this with steps that slip not backward. The Alpha Tau Omega is founded upon the eternal potency of law, which, in the moral world, is precisely harmony or love. We need to take these high views of our brotherhood; each one of us should keep in mind what it implies to be a worthy co-worker in such an enterprise. Our younger brothers cannot too often call to mind the truth that has repeatedly come through sad experience to the older ones, that no seed will bring a surer harvest of unhappiness than those that are sown in uncharitableness. So our Fraternity guards us from future ills, ever inculcating emotions that will lead to that dignity and influence which proceeds from a well disciplined mind.

In the next number of the *Palm*, new voices will address you through these editorial columns. This is the "Vale" of one of the present editorial staff. His parting word is: Brethren, sustain the *Palm*, for by it is the association of widely-dispersed Alpha Taus to be maintained and their co-operation made effective.

THE ALUMNI AND CONGRESS.

The most important factor in the success of Congress is the power of the alumni. We speak advisedly. It is important, too, to emphasize this fact. It is taken for granted that if the chapters send their delegates, this is all that is necessary. Of

course this is vitally important, so important that there could be no Congress without these chapter representatives.

But still our first statement remains true. The general officers are taken from the alumni. They should be present, therefore, to let the delegates see what manner of men they are to whom the Fraternity's highest interests are to be committed. Furthermore, such officers are only qualified when they know the needs of the chapters, and are kept abreast of the advanced Fraternity's thoughts and modes. The power of the alumni demonstrates to the younger brothers, and outsiders as well, the reality of the bond that binds Alpha Taus together, and the strong hold the principles and love of our brotherhood have upon all its members. Such a power is a powerful and unanswerable argument for the worth and merit of Alpha Tau Omega as an organization. The influence of active interest on the part of the alumni is invaluable and far reaching. When the present chapter members become alumni, they will act as they have seen the older alumni act; and if the example is good, they will take part in the work of the Fraternity, and feel that they have as much to do, and are as responsible for her welfare after leaving college as before. They will go to Congress as a matter of course, and attend without questioning the right at all to all the practical phases of the Fraternity life. Then the younger men are greatly helped by seeing this actual and personal participation on the part of the alumni. They will leave the Congress feeling that they are in deed and truth part of a mighty and influential whole. The dignity and importance of their membership will arise greatly in their own estimation, and they will value, with greater pride and love, a cause so strong and dear as to keep together men of different ages and temperaments, in spite of the many demands of business and domestic engagements, not only during school days but through life.

We need not speak of the immediate advantage to the Congress of the more matured wisdom and experience in matters

that may come up for deliberation which are to be expected from older heads. We are sure all feel that a full attendance of alumni is essential to the highest and best results of our coming Congress. It is important, therefore, that the Alumni Associations appoint delegates, and that these delegates come and influence as many brother alumni to come as possible.

One of the most promising signs for us is the success that has attended the efforts to organize our alumni. This number of the *Palm* contains notices of several such organizations, and there are others existing of which no account was sent to us. The late meetings of these associations have been most enthusiastic, and tell as much for the bright future of Alpha Tau Omega as any other of the many good omens. Several of these have elected delegates. Let Virginia, Alabama and Kentucky, immediately imitate their action. If it has been overlooked at the annual meetings the officers can correct the oversight. We hope this will be done at once. We want no alumni organization to be without a representative, and we hope so many alumni will be present that before Congress adjourns steps will be taken to organize the alumni in every State where we have enough brothers to justify such a procedure. After these associations are formed, have them kept in as close relation with the work and interests of the Fraternity as the chapters are. Then shall be realized, and not until then, the great aim and glory of Alpha Tau Omega. Once an Alpha Tau always an Alpha Tau, not only in name but absolutely in every respect.

When this acmé is reached, Congress will know nothing of active or alumni delegates, it will only speak and think of Alpha Taus. May this Congress prove a near approach to this end!

THE THIRTY-FIRST OF DECEMBER.

We trust this day will be one long to be remembered in Alpha Tau Omega. Upon it the Ninth Biennial Congress of our Fraternity meets at Philadelphia, Pa.

We have slowly but surely increased in numbers and influence during the past nineteen years. In the face of innumerable discouragements, our progress impeded by many and great obstacles, we have gone onward. At last we find ourselves strong enough and favorably enough known to call a convention in one of the largest cities of the country. It behooves us to make this coming together a means of further and more rapid advancement and worthy of the present condition of the Fraternity. Every Alpha Tau should feel that he must do his full part to this end. It is an easy and simple way to accomplish a great deal in a very short time. Let every Alpha Tau see that he is in attendance. This is all that is necessary. If the attendance is full, the success of the venture is assured. There will be no want of enthusiasm and consequent zeal if the brothers will only turn out in force. This is not much to ask of our brothers for the good of the dear old Fraternity, and yet they can do her no greater good just now than by an earnest and prompt response to this call. We hope every one will take this to heart and feel that they are personally concerned, and, in a measure, personally obligated to exert themselves to attend this Congress.

It is a crisis in our history. By the step we are about to take we challenge the scrutiny and criticism of the entire Greek world. That world will be quick to note success or failure. We have abundant evidence of a very kindly interest in us by many. There are those who have not been slow to remark upon our growth and the considerate, dignified deportment which has characterized Alpha Tau Omega as a whole. We have many friends among other Greeks who wish us well and are ready to help us to a more extended field of usefulness. They feel a deep interest in our Congress. If we prove ourselves worthy of help by showing to them and others the spirit and zeal which ever indicate healthy and aggressive organizations, it will be a real pleasure to them to find their judgement confirmed, and they will hasten to give their fuller endorsement in acts at once grateful and beneficial.

Our northern chapters, too, are immensely and immediately concerned in the visible success of this Congress. It is to be held on their own soil, and they will get the most direct benefit from it. Alpha Tau Omega will be much stronger in the North and West than she has ever been before if this assembly comes up to such a standard as to favorably impress the young men of Northern and Western institutions.

Let us of the South, where we are stronger and our permanency better assured, see to it that we hold up the hands of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and New York, and Ohio, and Michigan at this time. This is our opportunity, and if we are wise and worthy sons of a mother of whom all might well be proud, we shall not prove recreant to the trust she has imposed in us, by allowing, *for any consideration whatever*, inattention to a plain duty of love and gratitude to prevent her from reaping in the full that rich reward to which her pure character and noble principles so justly entitle her.

PREPARED.

As far as the preparations for Congress are concerned, all things are now ready.

This number of the *Palm* will add to the fulness of information already given. The local committees of Pennsylvania Tau Chapter are hard and enthusiastically at work. We can't imagine how any fuller instructions could be needed than are furnished in their circular and the official communications of the High Council, but if any point has escaped us, let no one hesitate to write to the chairman for what he wants to know.

The Continental Hotel is the largest one in Philadelphia. The proprietor has promised to leave no means untried to accommodate and gratify the delegates and attendants. Parlor "C" is famous for its large and distinguished gatherings, and will afford all that is desired for a comfortable and convenient place of meet-

ing. Every detail in regard to the arrangement of the room for facilitating the transaction of business has been looked after by the Committee of Arrangements.

The orator and poet elected by the last Congress will be present, and the other speakers necessary to the opening occasion have been appointed and have accepted.

The Committee of Reception will meet brothers upon their arrival, if they will indicate by badge or colors who they are, and conduct them to headquarters. Once in Philadelphia, they will not need for pleasure or attention. In a word, all the committees have done their duty fully and well.

All that remains now is for the brothers to report, and we will have such a Congress as will not be eclipsed in all that constitutes a glorious and successful reunion, in the memory of the Greeks. This Congress will be a *red-lettered* day in our calendar.

AT LAST.

Before this number shall be issued the new charter will have been finished. From all appearances it will be beautiful to behold. It is simple, but most suggestive, and its symbolism will at once commend it to the brothers and help them to reach uniformity in the outfit of their temples of friendship.

The charters will be taken to Philadelphia and there given to the delegates for their respective chapters. The expense of getting them out has been heavy, and it may be but right that each chapter should bear a small proportion of the expense by paying something for its charter, but all this will be equitably settled by Congress.

With a single exception, the chapters have shown great patience and consideration in view of the delay attending the issue of the new charter. It is true this charter added not a particle of reality or authority to a chapter which it had not already in its possession to establish and initiate, but still they had a right

to expect more hasty action, and they were not in a position to understand all the difficulties in the way. For all their kindness and thoughtfulness we are most grateful, and trust that a work so well done at last may prove an excuse for any tardiness in its execution.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

There are twenty-two Chapter Letters in this number. It was our earnest desire that every chapter should be represented. The *Palm*, however, had to go to press as early as possible in order to be out in time to be of help to the meeting of Congress. This change in the time of issue, doubtless, accounts for the absence of letters from several good chapters. If any letters that were forwarded fail to appear the reason will be found in the excuse just offered for the missing communications. Too much stress cannot be laid upon the promptness of Chapter Correspondents. It is to be hoped, for the help and efficiency of the *Palm*, that chapters will become more and more attentive in having their letters sent on as soon as they are written for by the editor. Indeed, they ought not to wait for a summons, but regularly upon a certain date each quarter the letter ought to be written and forwarded. It would rejoice the heart of the editor and greatly expedite the publication of the *Palm*.

THE HIGH COUNCIL.

The regular meeting of the High Council will be held in the room of the chairman, at the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia, Tuesday night, December 30th. The time and place are appointed to suit the convenience of the members of the High Council. It is hoped every member will be present. It is important this meeting should be a full one, for it has been well-nigh impossible to get such a meeting in a long time. The powers of the chairman, together with W. G. C., are such—and

he can consult by letter on many subjects—that the failure of meetings has not interfered with the general work of the High Council, but we do not believe in having any laws in our statute which are not actively operative; and we think that it is important, for the good of the Fraternity, that the High Council, rather than its chairman, should have the burden and responsibility of those matters which our wise constitution has so judiciously referred to this high body.

FAREWELL.

This number of the *Palm* brings Vol. IV to a close, and with it our labors and responsibility as editor-in-chief.

It was with great misgiving that we allowed the illustrious mantle of our beloved predecessor to fall upon us, for there is none more competent than he to make such a journal a success. His example has ever had an inspiration for us, and if any success has been attained it is due to the close following we have made of his means and methods. We have been blessed, too, with willing and able associates, and many of the articles which have proved most acceptable and useful to our readers were from their pens.

The review of the past two years calls for a confession of many editorial short-comings, but its dark cloud of regretfulness is silver-lined by the many cheering, kind words which have been spoken and the great forbearance that has been shown by the brothers. Often we have had no command of our own time; and many and varied have been the demands of an exacting and laborious ministry. We offer this in partial extenuation.

But however unworthy and weak, we feel that in love to Alpha Tau Omega we are second to none, and the sweet compensation all through the years of anxiety and self-distrust has been in the fact that it was a labor of love; and our heart has been cheered, and our hands strengthened, when we thought mayhap the bro-

thers were brought closer to each other, and the zeal and enthusiasm in behalf of dear old Alpha Tau Omega quickened by some word spoken here and there.

Under the deepest sense of gratitude for all help given and encouragement extended, and just censure restrained, and with love greater than ever for the noble brothers who to-day make Alpha Tau Omega a tower of strength and an ornament of beauty to that immortal cause which has its impulse in the resolve, "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things," we lay down the editorial pen. May it be taken up by worthier hands, and may the *Palm* of the past be but as a babe by the side of a giant, when compared with the *Palm* of the future! A loving farewell!

OUR HEARTIEST CONGRATULATION.

Cards bring to us the joyous news of the marriage of Dr. N. Wiley Thomas to Miss Belle, daughter of Mrs. Mary MacDonald, at West Philadelphia, October 9th, 1884.

We voice the sentiment of the entire Fraternity when we wish our worthy and beloved brother and his bride every possible happiness. We welcome the new *sister* to our fold. May long life and richest blessings be granted the happy couple.

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